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Assad meets Iraqi opposition chief

DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad held talks here on Wednesday with Iraqi Shi'ite opposition leader Ayatollah Mohammed Baqer Al Hakim on the situation in iraq and the activities of the opposition. A government spokesman said senior officials of the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, which Mr. Hakim heads, were present at the meeting at the presidential palace. Syria hosts several Iraqi opposition exile groups. Mr. Hakim said last month in an interview he was visiting Damascus to discuss a plan with other Syria-based Iraqi opposition leaders to topple the government of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The Tehran-based leader said there was a big chance for the opposition "to remove Saddam and to take power in Iraq during this year.



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Israel seizes W. Bank land

BEIT FAJJAR, West Bank (R) - Israel has ordered the seizure of a large track of land in the West Bank, threatening the livelihood of thousands of Palestinians there, residents said on Wednesday. Villagers in Beit Fajjar said Israeli military officials on Tuesday handed them orders declaring as state land 920 acres (368 hectares) of land rich with quarries which supply about 170 stone workshops in the village with raw materials. "This would be a severe blow to our economy and to the livelihood of more than 7,000 Palestinian workers," said Ahmed Taqatqa, 60, a landowner who also runs a stone-curing factory in the village, just south of Bethlehem. Hundreds of villagers converged on the site outside the village on Wednesday to protest the confiscation orders. A spokesman for the Israeli occupation authorities said he was checking the report. Palestinian experts say Israeli occupation authorities have seized more than 65 per cent of West Bank land since tsrael captured the area in the 1967 war, citing military reasons or the need to huild roads.

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Clinton: iraq remains a threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bill Clinton Baghdad's continuing "pat-tern of defiance" forces the United States to extend economic sanctions. In a letter updating lawmakers on the sanctions put in place by President George Bush prior to the 1991 Gulf war, Mr. Clinton accused Iraq of ongoing widespread human rights violations." It said Iraq has refused to return Kuwaiti propetty, failed to account for Kuwaiti detainees, sponsored assassinations in Lehanon and in northern Iraq and provided incomplete declarations to weapons inspectors. "The policies and actions of the Saddam Hussein regime continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States," Mr. Clinton said.

Algerian premier visits in Mali

BAMAKO (R) — Algerian Prime Minister Mokdad Sifi arrived in Mali on Wednesday on a regional tour to discuss security and cooperation ahead of a saharan summit in Algiers in two weeks' time, officials said. "My visit to Mali is in the framework of peace efforts in the Sahelo-Saharan region and reinforcement of cooperation between Algeria and Malr," Mr. Sifi told repotters on arrival. On Monday, Mr. Sifi announced plans for a summit in Algiers on August 15 and 16 to discuss regional stability and security. Participants were expected to include Algeria, Chad, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal. Mr. Sifi arrived from Niger, where he reaffirmed his country's support for Niger's peace deal with Tuares rebels, which Algeria and France, helped to medi-

1 dead in Algiers' car bomb

ALGIERS (AFP) - One person was killed and at least 15 injured when a car homb exploded south of Algiers, the Algerian press reported Wednesday. The hlast is the latest in a series of extremist attacks in recent weeks. Two other car bombs went off overnight Tuesday in the towns of Bougara and Sidi Moussa south of Algiers, injuring several people, according to press reports which added that the authorities had not reported the explo-

Russia to sell India rocket boosters

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia plans to sell cryogenic boosters to India for launching satellites but will not transfer, the technology needed to make them, a senior Russian afficial said Wednesday on the eve of a visit by Indian Foreign Minister Pranah Mukher Jee. Alexander Belikov, a deputy department chief at the ministry for foreign economic relations, told Interfax news agency that the ats" at the UN MP Glavkosmos, "was agency aying their bills along ago." He said the house of the said hulk of Russia's exports to

Trial of two militants

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King visits Qatar for talks on marked the fifth anniversary of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait by telling Congress that Baghdad's continuing "pat-

DOHA (Petra) — His Majesty King Husssein on Wednesday arrived in Doha on an official visit to Qatar during which he and Oatari Emir Sheikh Hamad Ben Khalifah Al Thani will hold a minisummit dealing with bilateral relations and means of mending Arab fences.

King Hussein and the de-

legation accompanying him were received at the airport by Sheikh Hamad, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Abdullah Ben Khalifah Al Thani, Minister of State for Royal Court Affairs Sheikh Hamad Ben Soheim Al Thani, Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad Ben Jaber Al Thani, cabinet members, the speaker of the Shura Council and other senior officials.

In arrival statements, Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kahariti commended Jordanian-Qatari relations and said the King's visit would contribute to enhancing the hilateral ties, "We are very confident that the visit will be very fruitful," he told reporters at the Doha air-

The foreign minister said the Jordanian-Qatari talks will cover various fields of cooperation.

The King and the Emir, he said, will deal with several political issues, mainly inter-Arab relations and regional and international issues. In addition, Jordanian-Qatari talks will address economic cooperation, with spe-

cial focus on the possibility of liquified gas and exporting it



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan is sworn-in as Regent before His Majesty King Hussein's departure to Qatar on an official visit (Petra photo)

through Jordanian ports to other parts of the world, he added.

The foreign minister said the talks will also cover trade exchange, banking matters and transpott, noting that Jordan hopes to sign a protocol governing Jordanian-Qatari cooperation in transpott fields.

In reply to a question on whether the King was carrying during his visit a Jordanian initiative for lifting the embargo imposed on Iraq since its 1990 invasion of Kuwait, Mr. Kabariti said the

there is readitiess to have a Jordanian initiative. The issue is linked to having cer-tain conditions," he said. He added that Iraq has to express its will to adhere to

all the international requirements and the other international parties should be willing to establish dialogue with Iraq, "The Jordanian efforts are only exploratory and aim ro measure the readiness of the two sides to reach a point where an initiative can be launched, be it Jordanian or joint Arah. Jordan's motive

the real sense of the word: the Iraqi people," Mr. Kabariti said.
"We are fully convinced

that the suffering of the Iraqi people is a tragedy that will influence the integrity and unify of Iraqi lands and ... we believe any Iraqi weakness is a weakness for the Arabs as a whole," he added.

"We hope that in the near future, Iraq will regain its strength and role in the Arab region and be able to carry out a role in safeguarding regional security and stabil-

Answering a question on "There is no initiative in only to ease the suffering of Egypt, the minister said Jordanian efforts aiming to unify Arah ranks were well expressed on many occasions, noting that the King expressed Jordan's readiness to reciprocate any steps by other Arah countries to unify

The minister voiced hope that other Arab parties will have a true desire to mend fences and work for the future, ignoring the repercus-sions of the Gulf war.

"We want to work for the future. There are strategie and pan-Arab considerations that should be remembered

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U.N. warns of Croatian offensive

Troops massing in Bihac

ZAGREB (Agencies) — The United Nations warned Wednesday that virtually the entire Croatian army was poised to attack secessionist Serbs, who reportedly launched air raids and shelled Croatian positions for the second straight day.

Some 100,000 battle-ready Croatian soldiers out of a 125,000-strong army have been deployed along the border with the Croauan Serbs' self-styled Krajine republic on the eve of crucial, lastditch talks scheduled for Thursday in Geneva, U.N. spokesman Christopher Gunness said.

The continued troop huildup prompted U.N. special envoy for former Yugoslavia Yasushi Akashi to warn that despite the Geneva talks, the threat of war spilling over into Croatia from western Bosnia was very real.

"I hope all these voices of the international community expressing concern about the danger of a full-scale war will be heeded," he said. "It's good that talks are going to statt tomorrow.

Escalating conflict in western Bosnia has drawn Krajina Serbs and Croatian forces back into the Yugoslav quagmire, threatening a resump-tion of the 1991 war in Croatia, and Wednesday Serb forces reportedly step-

ped up attacks on Croatian

Krajina Serb planes laun-ched air raids against Croat positions near the towns of Bosansko Grahovo and Glamoc, overrun by Croatian army and Bosnian Croat

forces Friday, the Bosnian Croat "defence ministry"

In Naples, a NATO spokesman said a Serh aircraft had indeed entered Bosnian airspace Wednesday, hut had turned around after alliance aircraft enforcing Operation Deny Flight issued

The spokesman, Captain Paul Mitchell, confirmed that low-level raids had heen carried out in Bosnia Tuesday hut added that the planes had withdrawn from Bosnian airspace as soon as NATO aircraft detected their presence.

Meanwhile, the Croanan news agency Hina said Krajina Serh forces shelled the town of Gospic in western Croatia twice Wednesday, After shelling Wednesday

morning "new projectiles fell at about 12:40 p.m. (1040 GMT) in the area of Gospic," Hina said. It added that two shells struck the Otocac area ahout 40 kilometres north of Gospic.

"It's ohvious that the Serbs don't intend to stop their provocation," a Croatian military source was quoted as saving.

But the commander of Krajina Serb forces, Mile Mrksie, denied his forces had shelled the town.
"Croatia is looking for an

excuse to launch an attack, long sioce promised, against" Krajina, Mr. Mrksie was

Police drag settlers off West Bank hill for third time

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM ried them off to huses. (AP) - Israeli troops dragged Jewish settlers off a West Bank hilltop for the third day Wednesday, and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin accused the protesters of trying to divide the nation.

"We are at the beginning of a period where an attempt will be made to violate law and order ... and set up ficti-tious settlements." Mr. Rahin told legislators from his Labour Party. "We will enforce the law without hestitation.

Hundreds of settlers, angry over Mr. Rahin's plans to turn over parts of the occupied West Bank to Palestinian control, have been setting up makeshift neighbourhoods on barren hillsdies in the West Bank in an effott to stake their claim to the land. More than 100 settlers

were detained Wednesday when they refused orders to evacuate Dagan hill, a rocky hluff between the Jewish set-tlement of Efrat and the neighbouring Palestinian vil-lage of El Khader, 20 kilometres south of Jerusalem. In what is becoming a daily scene in the West Bank, police and soldiers wrestled with the settlers, including women and children, and car-

Police said they would release all but there — a boy charged with attacking police officers and two organisers accused of illegal gathering and entering a closed military

Later Wednesday, some 200 settlers locked arms and marched on the jail in Jerusalem where the organisers, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin and Nadia Matar, were being held early in the day.

Police pushed them back

and at least four mounted police charged into the crowd, knocking people down. "Fascists" the protesters shouted. "Police state." A number of settlers were detained, said Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben Ruby, Mr. Ben-Ruhy said the three detainces had been transferred to a different police station in Tel

Aviv Settler spokesman Aharon Domh said settlers were prevented by police from establishing a new encampment near the settlement of Beit El, north of Jerusalem. He said hundreds of settlers carrying huilding equipment were making their way to a site near Kedumim, in the northern West Bank.

Mr. Rahin called the protests "an attempt to create a rift in the nation" and said the settlers were endangering their own security by diverting the very troops assigned

to protect them. The escalating settler protests come as Israeli and PLO negotiators hold talks in the Red Sea resott of Eilat on withdrawing Israeli troops from West Bank towns and holding Palestinian elections.

Frustrated PLO negotiators said on Wednesday Israelis were stalling negotiations on expanding Palestinian self-rule into the West But Israeli Prime Minister

Yitzhak Rahin, under pressure from protests by rightwing Jewish settlers, said the talks were making good prog-Outside the heavily-

guarded hotel where the talks West Bank.

were being held, a few dozen settlers demoostrated against Mr. Rahin's plans to give the PLO control over most of the The deal being negotiated constitute the second stage of the autonomy framework

outlined in the September

1993 Israeli-PLO accord. Af-

ter missing numerous dead-

lines, negotiators now re-

portedly hope to reach agreement hy early September.

The negotiations are far more complex than those that led to the establishment of Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho a year ago, because of the 140,000 settlers who live in the West Bank amid I million Palestinians. About 5,000 settlers live in Gaza.

Settler spokeswoman Judith Tayar said settlers believe they will be endangered if Mr. Rabin gives the Palestinians control of the hills ringing West Bank settlements.
"We believe very firmly that if we are not there, there will be terrorists there," she

turn Israel into Bosnia." Chief Rahhi Yisral Lau told Israel radio that the potential conflict between the settlers and government sup-poners could lead to unprecedented dissension among Jews in Israel.

said. "We will not let them

"We must wake up before nime runs out,"Rabbi Lau said on Israel Radio. "We must stop this and sit down at the table. If we can talk with enemies then why not with brothers?"

A Palestinian minister, meanwhile, said the government was too soft on the

"The army has done more against our marches," said Palestinian Labour Mioister Samir Ghousheh. "If Israel is not firm in dealing with the settlers, the West Bank will

be in total chaos."
In parliament, Mr. Rahin's narrow coalition survived a no-confidence motion Wednesday brought by rightwing opposition parties opposed to the accord with the Palestinians.

Harsh interrogation methods denied

Meanwhile, legislators on Tuesday put off a request to renew the Shin Bet Security Agency's special permit for harsh interrogation methods, apparently concerned over the April death in custody of a suspected Palestinian mili-

Shin Bet officials and media reports said the secretive Knesset committee on Shin Bet activities instead extended the existing licence for only a week while deliberations continue.

tant.

The permit was first issued after a Tel Aviv suicide hombing that killed 22

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friendship society announced AMMAN (J.T.) - A group of 60 prominent Jordanian personalities have announced

Jordanian-Bosnian

the creation of the Jordanian-Bosnian Friendship Society, which elected former prime minister Ahmad Obeidat as president. The society, which groups

Abdul Razzak Tuheishat, and Ra'ef Nijem, both former ministers, among others, as members, is still to be formally registered with the coocerned departments, according to a statement following the announcement at the Amman Chamber of Commerce.

Addressing the meeting Mr. Obeidat noted that the society aims at bolstering ties of friendship and cooperation between the peoples of Jordan and Bosnia in various social, cultural, humanitarian, economic, financial legal and scientific fields. He said that the society

members will undertake activities necessary to help achieve these objectives. The society was motivated by humanitarian feelings on

the party of the Jordanian-Christian as well as Muslim people and their solidarity with the Bosnian nation, said Mr. Obeidat, adding that the Jordanian people have always displayed solidarity with the Arab and Muslim na-

Jordanians have heen deeply pained at the sufferings of the Bosnian people over the past three years hecause they were struggling for freedom and for defending their rights and their lands and their dignity, said Mr. Obeidat.

The formation of this society serves as a reminder to the Arab countries that failure to support the Bosnians could entail grave danger to the Arah and Muslim nations, added Mr. Oheidat.

He said that the society has a message to the world nations in general and the European countries in particular. It is that human rights are the same everywhere and there should be no discrimination among people on the hasis of religion or ethnic origin.

House kills proposal banning foreign investment in telecommunications

By Sa'eda Kilani

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN - The Lower

House of Parliament, which last week endorsed a draft law ending the economic boycott of Israel, Wednesday took another step towards improving the investment environment in the Kiogdom by killing a proposal that would have restricted investment in the telecommunications field

to Jordan's private sector. The proposal, which the House voted down after two hours of heated debate, was made by Chairman of the Judiciary Committee Abdul Karim Dughmi, whose ideas are usually supported by the govern-

But the government, dismissed the move as "emotional" and "harmful" to efforts to lure foreign investment in the country and said investment should be open to Arah and foreign capital as well.

"The Jordanian capital is not sufficient on its own ... and we wish we could attract capital from Arab and Muslim countries," said deputy Prime Minister. Minister of Education Abdul Ra'ouf Rawabdeh. "We should open the door for (foreign) investment in all fields.

But Mr. Dughmi, who insisted on his proposal. said: "I am all for invest-

ment and I support the government's policies to attract foreign capital to the Kingdom. But there is a difference between (foreign) investment in the economic sector and (foreign) investment in the service sector - an important and vital field that should not be left to foreigners."

Mr. Dughmi said that foreign investment in the telecommunications sector might have serious implications for the country. While he strongly called for foreign investment in the tourism sector, he saw investment in telecommunications, electricity, information and agricultural fields as "dangerous."

Mr. Dughmi's proposal was seconded by more than 15 deputies who saw foreign investment in the services sector as a way for foreign domination of the country and monopoly over

Islamic Action Front (IAF) deputy Ahmad Kofahi said that Jordanian capital can meet the country's needs. He said that Jordanian money in foreign accounts are estimated at more than 18 billion dinars and should be encouraged to be brought back for investment in the Kingdom.

IAF spokesperson Hamzeh Mansour said investment "must be rightlyguided." While he sup-

ported the notion that national companies cooperate with foreign companies in initiating joint ventures. Mr. Mansour said that investment should be strictly Jordanian or, if need be, could be expanded to include Arah and Muslim in-

"(National and Arab) investment in Jordan is hampered not because of legal harriers but because of administrative difficulties." he said. "There are serious and undemocratic procedures too that block any chance for investment," he

Centrist deputy Mohammad Adouh Ziben said: "Privatisation and foreign

investment do not mean that the country is for sale."

But Mr. Rawabdeh criticised Mr. Mansour's comments on the democratic practices in the Kingdom and said: "What democracy and democratie practices have to do with this. There should be a session to solve this issue once and for all."

Until when are we going to say this is prohibited and this is a taboo?" he asked. 'And did we say no to Arab capital? And are we going to keep waiting for them? ... a state could not: be built on wishes," he

Minister of Trade and Industry Ali Abul Ragheb said that the government capabilities to attract foreign investment is limited. In preparation for the Middle East and North Africa Economic Summit that will be held in October here, Mr. Abul Ragheh said that the door should he wide open for investment in all

The package of three

law, the sales tax law, the income tax law and encouraging investment law are eurrently being reviewed by the House's financial committee. They are expected to be endorsed in the current extraordinary session of the House. Until now, the House approved 28 out of 91 articles of the telecommunications draft law.

Ethiopia arrests 3 Egyptians in Mubarak assassination bid

ADDIS ABABA (AFP) - countries," the statement Omar Abdul Rahman over Ethiopia has announced the arrest of three Egyptians for taking part in a bid to assassinate Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak here and pinned responsibility on the Egyptian group Jamaa Isla-

miya.
The fundamentalist group, which tried to kill Mr. Mubarak at least twice before, had claimed responsibility for the June 26 attack in a communique received by AFP's Cairo burean on July 4 which said the group's holy war would continue until "God's Iaw" - Islamic Sharia Law - was in force in

Egypt put the blame on Sudan for masterminding the assessination bid, which Mr. Mubarak survived unscathed as bullets bounced off his armoured limousine as be drove from the airport into the Etbiopian capital for a summit of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

He has escaped at least eight attempts on his life since taking power in 1981 after the assassination of President Anwar Sadat.

Ethiopia's Ministry of In-ternal Affairs said in a statement carried late Tuesday by the official Ethiopian News Agency that nine members of Jamma Islamiya carried out the attack and that two other members of the group controlled the operation from outside Etbiopia.

All were Egyptian, it said. Two of the assailants were killed in the shoot-out that accompanied the ambusb, along with two Ethiopian policemen, and security forces killed three more in a shoot-out about a week later. One escaped.

One man killed in the shoot-out on July 1 was identified by the ministry as the head of the operation, Sharif Abdul Rahman.

"It has been learnt that this individual had gained wide experience by participating in planning and executing acts of terrorism in a number of Hizbollah-Palestine group claims

BEIRUT (R) — A little-known pro-Iranian Palesti-nian group which refuses to

recognise the Jewish state has

claimed responsibility for last

week's suicide bombing

which killed six Israelis on a

says it operates in the Israeli-

occupied territories, vowed

Tuesday 10 continue the

armed struggle "until the state of Israel is wiped out."

The group has in the past said it carried out anti-Israeli

"Hizbollah-Palestine stres-

ses that the (July 24 bus)

attack was carried out by one

of its cells," a telephone cal-

ler, claiming to speak on be-

half of the group, told an

international news agency in

"With all pride and glory-

we announce the death of the

heroic martyr, leader of the

attack on the Israeli bus a

week ago. His name is Jamal

Fayez Al Youssef and he is 30

The caller said Youssef -

a Palestinian resident of

Israeli-occupied territories

from the Hizbollah-Palestine

Cell of Martyr Mahmoud Al

Khawaga — set off a bomb

packed with about 20 kilog-

rammes of explosives on the

Hizbollah-Palestine has

bus in Tel Aviv.

years old," the caller said.

said.

"It has been discovered that he was in charge of the Egyptian terrorists that took part in the action in Ethiopia. He played the leading and decisive role in planning the terrorist act and supervised the overall operation."

The statement named the three men arrested as Abdul Karim Al Nadi, Al Arab Sudki Hafez, and Safwat

"Presentation of evidence supporting the charges and other legal preparations necessary to bringing them to justice are well under way," the statement said.

The member of the terrorist squad who escaped from the country after participating in the operation has been identified as Fathi Orsirai. — real name Husain Ahmad Shahit Ali — wbo had been referred to in the media by another of his fictitious names, Sirai Mohammad Hussein.

"This person, together with Safwat Hassan, currently in custody, was deployed in providing logistical support like arranging for the renting of houses and cars and so on.

The two men who coordinated the attempt from abroad were Mustafa Hamza, also known by the fictitious name Ibrahim, a member of the leadership of Jamaa Islamiya, who from the initial stage planned, supervised and monitored the Addis Ababa assassination attempt," and Izat Yassin, one of his deputies, the ministry said.

"The ethiopian government is nndertaking the necessary efforts to ensure Mustapha Hamza, Izat Yassin and the escaped terrorist Siraj are returned to Ethiopia from the country in which they are hiding in order to face justice.

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several anti-Israeli attacks, including a 1991 assault that

killed two Jews in the West

Bank and a rocket-propelled

grenade raid on an Israeli

army post on the Golan

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mic Resistance Movement

Hamas or the smaller militant

military wing, the Izzeddin

Al Qassam Brigades, issued a

leafiet claiming responsibility

for the bombing aboard the

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Aviv from the suburb of

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claimed responsibility for Arabic, a "martyr," as the

In March, 1995 an informer for the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, a key Egyptian witness in the case against blind Sheikh

the 993 bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York, testified that the Jamaa spiritual guide ordered him to shoot Mr. Mubarak in late 1991. In 1993, two Jamma mem-

hers stole an anti-tank rocket-launcher from Egyptian army stores and planned to fire it at the presidential residence in Cairo, but were arrested before they could carry out the attack, and hanged.

In February 1994 three soldiers belonging to the Jamaa planted explosives at the military airport at Sidi Barrani on Égypt's Mediterranean coast near the border with

They planned to set them off as Mr. Mubarak met Libyan President Muammar Qadhafi, but were arrested and executed later that year.

Meanwhile, Sndan's foreign minister Tuesday acknowledged a military buildup was underway but said that it was purely defensive.

Ali Osman Mobammad Taha told heads of the main pobtical body, the National Congress, there was a "militarisation" of Sudan but said it was not aimed at "imposing" Sudan's views on anyone

"Training and Jihad (holy war) are the shield and armour to protect what is right in Sudan. They are not swords meant to terrorise others or impose our views on them," he said,

Mr. Taha said Sudan was only preparing these people to defend itself and its principles from any possible aggression as had happened in Bosnia, Somalia and Chechenya.
On the dispute with Egypt

over the border territory of Halaib, Mr. Taha said Sudan would not pull its troops ont but would not escalate the dispute into a full war, because "the Zionists and the imperialists will benefit from this situation."

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breakthrough peace accord in

Lasi Tuesday, PLO police

chief Nasser Yousef said an

initial investigation showed

the suicide bomber did not

come from areas under

Jihad offshoot claims

Israel bombing

BEIRUT (R) - Hizbollah-

Palestine group is an elusive offshoot of the pro-Iranian

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operates in the Israeli-

occupied territories has also

said it was behind other

assaults that could not be

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Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev fifth anniversary of the invasiou of Kuwait, Russian poses in front of a picture to the Emir of urged Baghdad to comply with all U.N. Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Sabah at Kuwait resolution and called for a regional security Airport. Mr. Kozyrev, who arrived on the system to prevent future wars (AFP photo)

Iraq blames U.S., Kuwait for invasion of the ruling Baath Party, wrote that "the national

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq, wrangling over oil production marking the fifth anniversary of its invasion of Kuwait Wednesday, blamed the United States and the rulers of the oil-rich Gulf state for the events of Aug. 2, 1990.

State-run newspapers car-ried front-page editorials hit-ting out at Washington with one paper saying the U.S. represented the "empire of evil" in the world. "The responsibility for the

crisis does not fall on Iraq but on America in the first place and Kuwaiti rulers in the second," said the government newspaper Al Jumbouriya.

It said Iraq's decision five years ago to send troops into Kuwait was "a natural reaction" to what it described as plots by both the U.S. and Kuwait against Baghdad. But this year's official com-

ments stopped short of declaring Kuwait as part of Iraq. During previous anniversaties, the official media, in defiant rhetoric, would still insist that Kuwait was part of Iraq.

Late last year, Baghdad recognised Kuwait as an independent state within new borders demarcated by a U.N. commission after the

Iraqi forces invaded Kuwait in the early hours of Aug. 2, 1990, after weeks of quotas. The Iraqi occupation lasted until a U.S.-led multinational alliance based in Saudi Arabia drove out Iraqi troops in February 1991 after a six-week war.

Jumhouriya urged Kuwait not to work for a continuation of sanctions on Iraq, which were imposed shortly after the 1990 invasion.

"With nnique insolence and stray mind Kuwaiti rulers... forget that the embargo will be lifted sooner or later and then neither America nor anyone else will protect them but their good relations with Iraq," Jumhouriya said.
The official Al-Iraq news-

paper, slamming Kuwait and its rulers, said the Gulf state was still carrying out hostile designs hatched out "in the domes of the Central Intelligence Agency and lobbies of the Pentagoon.

"Five years on... it is apparent that there is no limit to Al Sabah's Kuwait's ruling family) hatred and black rancour against Iraq, its lead-ership and people," Al Iraq

"This historic, patriotic and nationalistic day will remain forever in the hearts of Iraqis, honest Arabs and all the strugglers of the world." said the daily Babil, run by Saddam's son Oudai.

Al Thawra, the newspaper

now than any other day." U.S. President Bill Clinton said Tuesday the United States will maintain economic sanctions against Iraq be-cause it has failed to comply fully with post-Gulf war U.N.

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which led Iraq to shoulder its

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"The policies and actions of the Saddam Hussein regime continue to pose an unnsual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the Un-

gional peace and security," Mr. Clinton said in a letter to Congress informing it of his An April, 1991 U.N. Security Council resolution requires the full disclosure and destruction of Iraq's nuc-lear, chemical, biological and ballistic missile capability and ongoing monitoring to ensure

it does not re-acquire banned

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The U.N. special commission and the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency have completed most of their work in the unclear, chemical and ballistic missiles fields and have established a system of long-term monitor-

Russia wants to help stabilise Gulf — Kozyrev

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, arriving in Kuwait on the fifth anniversary of Iraq's 1990 invasion, said Wednesday that Moscow wanted to help prevent the outbreak of any future conflict in the region.

"My visit coincides with this painful date in the history of Kuwait," he said in a statement at the start of a 24-bour visit for talks with senior officials about the situation in the Gulf and bilateral military cooperation. He said Russia, a long-time

ally of Baghdad's, wants to help stabilise the oil-rich region and an important ele-ment in this was Iraqi compliance with Gulf War ceasefire resolutions.

"It (Russia) is ready to. work within the framework of the Security Council to establish in this region a stable security system that would prevent the possibility of the outbreak of armed dispute or wars in this region in the future," he said. "One of the most impor-

tant elements of the security system in this region is the full implementation by Iraq of the resolutions issued bythe U.N. Security Coun-

Mr. Kozyrev last visited Kuwait in October to try to mediate an end to a 10-day border flare-up with Iraq. He also played a key role the following month in securing Iraqi recognition of Kuwait as a sovereign state within U.N.-demaracated borders. Moscow has led a cam-

paign in the U.N. Security Council to ease sanctions imposed on Baghdad after its invasin. But Knwait and mostof its Gulf neighbours remain suspicious of any move to relax the embargo.

Kuwait last year agreed to boy \$760 million worth of arms from Moscow including fighting vehicles and missile

A U.S.-led coalition ended Iraq's seven month occupa-tion in the 1991 Gulf War. Meanwhile, a newspaper said Wednesday Kuwait may ask the U.N. Security Council to set up a war crimes tribunal to try 648 Iraqis including President Saddam Hussein for killings during Baghdad's 1990-91 occupa-

The English-language Arab Times reported that the Gulf state is expected to sponsor a resolution at the Council in October calling foran international military court to try alleged war criminals on the lines of World

War II Nuremberg trials.

More than 300 Kuwaitis and dozens of Arab and Asian expatriates were killed in the seven-month occupation that followed Iraq's Aug-2, 1990 invasion.

A U.S.-led multinational alliance based in Saudi Arabia drove ont Iraqi troops in February 1991 after a six week war. The research and studies

centre, a body attached to the cabinet, and Ministry of Defence officials have drawn up a so-called charge sheet based on balf a million Iraqi army and intelligence documents left behind after the war, direct testimony from witnesses and reports by inciternational human rights groups, the Arab Times saids

The detailed document describes Saddam and 647 Iraq government and military offic cials and civilians as "criminals of war who must be prosecuted according to international conventions," the daily, quoted officials as saying.

It reported Abdullah Al Guneim, the head of the Research and Studies Centre, as. saying that the Kuwaiti government would use the charge sheet and a proposed-Security Council resolution drafted by Kuwaiti officials to pursue the war crimes trial idea at the United Nations.

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Kuwaitis recall resistance with sorrow, pride Referring to sanctions, she KUWAIT (R) - "Don't He was one of thousands of Activists, many of them said: "What is happening to Kuwaiti men who returned women, mounted civil dis-Ahmad Qabazard told his home, most of them to ferry wife, cutting short a holiday relatives to safety in exile obedience, distributed food, them is a punishment because

when describing guerrillas who died while carrying out worry. I'll be back soon," Ahmad Qabazard told his The leaflet was dated July Hamas sources said after West Bank resident from the years ago.

Hamas group of Yehiya Six weeks later, the 33year-old Interior Ministry Ayyash, mastermind of many official was dead, one of suicide bombings and a top activist wanted by Israel. scores of Kuwaitis and Arab expatriates killed mounting Palestinian Muslim factions bave killed scores of both armed and peaceful Israelis in suicide bombings opposition to Iragi occupasince the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) signed a

In death, the glamorous officer, who normally worked as a bodyguard for visiting heads of state, has become one of dozens of heroes revered by Kuwaitis for their part in resisting the sevenmonth occupation launched on Aug. 2, 1990.

"I said to him, 'what if something happens to you, what would be our destiny, I and your children?" recalls his widow, Hayam Al Ibrahim. "But I was 200 per cent sure he was not coming back. If my husband was determined to do something, be would do it."

Like many Kuwaiti families, the Qabazards were on their annual holiday when President Saddam Hussein's

and returning to Kuwait soon following Iraq's rout of cition by Kuwait's armed forces. But Gabazard, leaving his

wife and children behind in Bahrain, when back to fight the invaders. After three weeks of gun

attacks on Iraqis, Qabazard, from one of Kuwait's leading families, was arrested by Iraqi security men who removed his fingernails to try to get information about the resistance, his wife said. He was executed on Sept. 16.

"The resistance was a big sign of our rejection of the Iraqis," she told Reuters. The death of activists like Qabazard has left a legacy of hatred towards all Iraqis among their relatives. Ibrahim would disapprove of any future resumption of rela-

tions with Iraq. "If they say the Iraqi people are not guilty, I say no. All Iraqi people are Saddam. Was Saddam with the army that stole, slaughtered and killed? Was Saddam there at the same place? Did Saddam see them when they killed and when they raped? No."

of what they have done to us. "They deserve more, and

more pleasure we feel. That is frank. I do not want to be romantic." The resistance was recorded in detail in Iraqi in-

telligence documents captured and published after the Gulf war, and some Western embassies have studied its activities to help determine how an affluent Gulf society coped under unprecedented strain. But five years on, its story

remains little known abroad. To most foreigners the most vivid image of Kuwaitis at that time is the lavish lifestyle of exiles living abroad on state handouts. Like the military operation

that eventually freed Kuwait in February 1991, the civilian resistance was multi-national. Participants included Lebanese, Palestinians, state-

less Arabs, Americaus, Indians, Filipinos, and not least Iraqis themselves, some of them Iraqi women married to Kuwaitis or Iraqi men married to Kuwaiti or Western

money and guns, staged guerrilla attacks and helped prevent the com of the oilfields. Apart from armed action

including suicide bomb attacks, activists posed as pro-Iraqi Palestinians to work as orderlies in ambulances in which they killed sick or wounded Iraqis being ferried to hospital. Others fed Iraqi troops poisoned Kuwaiti and pro-Kuwaiti

Iraqi women used promises of sex to lure fragi troops to apartments where they were shot dead. Apart from some Islamic groups and a resistance cell in

the oilfields, there was little structure and no central command. Most gun.and petrol attacks happened on the spur of the moment. But the objective - to let the Iraqis know Kuwait re-

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"Due to the law, we cannot open a factory here and we cannot export our products bere because of the competition with Jordanian companies," Mr. Juoaidi explained, adding that this law only

applied to dairy products. A partner in a another Hebron-based company, Sadeq Neiroukh, told the Jordan Times that his firm had also established contacts with companies in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

The company, which deals in electronic and mechanical balances and scales in addition to metal office furniture, has made an agreement... with a Jordanian agent for it. to become the company's

agent, Mr. Nejroukh said. our equipment, and many agent. It's not easy to choose because there's so much to be agreed upon."

He explained that although visitors appeared interested in the office, many were put off by their high cost.

are expensive "Thev enough aiready, and then added to the price there is another 57 per cent VAT placed on (imported) metal

According Neiroukh, the Ministry of Industry and Trade Tuesday agreed to reduce VAT on metal furniture from 60 per

He felt though that the exhibition was a success. The turnover of visitors he said had been consistent throughout the daytime, becoming particularly busy in the evenings.

Goods on display included clothing, shoes, ceramics, foodstuffs, music cassettes and posters and various equipment including industrial meat mincers.

Nazeer Zaghal, who represents his uncle's West Bank sboe factory in Amman, claimed that five companies from Sandi Arabia had expressed marketing their

"For 27 years Palestinian production bas not been within the modern market. reopie nave been enthusias tic about buying Palestinian products. They want to do anything to help the 'baby' Palestinian community," Mr. Zaghal said.

Recent reports noted that since the signing of a preferential treatment accord between Jordan and the Palestinian National Authority on May 4, Palestinian exports to the Kingdom have increased 10 fold.

Official figures showed that the volume of trade between Jordan and the

Queen urges national effort to support, protect breastfeeding at every level

Noor Majesty Queen Wednesday launched the "National Day to Protect, Promote and Support Breastfeeding by Empowering Women" on the occasion of 1995 World Breastfeeding Week.

The week's events will focus on encouraging women to breastfeed and on ensuring that they are wellinformed and bave the right to legal protection and social support for breastfeeding in public and at work.

Anending the taunching of the occasion were Minister of Health Aref Batayneb and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) act-Area Representative Sima Bahous.

In her speech, the Quren said that she herself had breastfed her children for as long as possible and hoped to encourage other mothers to do the same.

The Queen also accepted to chair a multi-national sectoral national breastfeeding committee, which, she said, will "coordinate our national efforts to protect, promote and support breastfeeding at every level; and which will ensure the successful implementation of the babyfriendly hospital initiative and the Jordanian code of marketing breastmilk substi-

Queen Noor commended the recent legislation which was passed by the Jordanian Parliament granting working mothers three months of paid maternity leave.

She also commended Jordan's efforts towards ensuring a supportive breastfeed-



Her Majesty Queen Noor Wednesday addresses a gathering of mother and child health care representatives at the launching of the "National Day to Protect, Promote and Support Breastfeeding by Empowering Women," held at the InterContinental Hotel

ing environment and praised the initiatives undertaken by the Ministry of Health, the Royal Medical Services, UNICEF and the World Health Organisation (WHO) to ensure that all the maternity services in the country become baby friendly.

According to UNICEF, breastfeeding, which saves the lives of more than 1.5 million children in the developing world by pre-

venting malnutrition and infection, offers many health benefits to mothers as well, including child spacing, reducing the risk of anaemia, osteoporosis and multiple sclerosis as well as protection against ovarian

and breast cancer. There are over 3,000 babyfriendly hospitals worldwide, including two major public hospitals in Jordan, which have adopted the "10 steps to successful breastfeeding" drawn up by UNICEF and WHO.

The Ministry of Health, in cooperation with the Royal Medical Services, UNICEF and WHO, is planning to expand the baby-friendly initiative to all the country's maternity wards.

Jordan has approved a national breastfeeding policy and has prohibited the

marketing of breastmilk substitutes at all public bospi-

The Ministry of Health is in the process of finalising a national code for marketing breastmilk substitutes that will prevent misleading and harmful commercial prac-

The week's events have been organised by tUNICEF in cooperation with the Min-

Labour minister drills employment directors on new labour law

AMMAN (J.T.) - Minister of Labour Nader Abu Sha'ar Wednesday convened a meeting with directors of employment at departments around the country and demanded that

they promptly implement a set of recently passed government measures in dealing with the local labour market. The minister said that all

labour departments should intensify their inspection visits to factories, companies and institutions in their areas even during the official bolidays in order to crack down on non-Jordanians working illegally in the country.

The ministry will take firm legal measures against violators of the new rules especially towards employers of illegal workers, be said.

Mr. Abu Sha'ar said that Jordanian institutions will only be allowed to employ non-Jordanians with permits obtained from the Ministry of Labour.

The ministry is determined to apply strict government measures in its drive to reorganise the labour market, Mr Abu Sha'ar stressed.

The minister outlined the on employment of foreign labourers to the labour officials and emphasised that as of July 25 no foreign workers will be allowed to work in the country without a valid work permit from the ministry.

Work permits are to be obtained in advance of arrival into the country and are to he endorsed by the ministry's attachés in Jordanian embassies abroad, Mr. Abu Sha'ar said.

Out of nearly 260,000 non-Jordanians working in the Kingdom only 42,000 have been found to bave legally acquired work permits, the minister said.

Mr. Abu Sha'ar instructed

officials to coordinate their work with local governors. chambers of commerce, the Farmers' Association, the Jordanian Contractors' Association and other concemed authorines in the reorganisation of the local

Minister of Water and Irrigation Saleh Irsheidat, a representative of a local firm and French Ambassadur to Jordan Bernard Bajolet share a humourous moment while signing a JD 4.5 million contract to lay a new water pipeline from the Jurdan Valley to Irbid Governorate (Petra photo)

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Three parties merge 'in view of political situation

Jordanian political parties have decided to merge to form the Jordanian Unionist Democratic Party, according the secretaries general of the merging parties. At a press conference Wednesday the heads of the Jordanian Democratic Progressive Party, the Jordanian Socialist Democratic Party and the Jordan Arab Democratic Party announced the formation of the new political

Two Lower House of Parliament members, Bassam Haddadin and Mustafa Shneikat have become members of the new party which comprises prominent political figures, according to the new party spokesman,

Mr. Mdanat told the press that there will be no need for the new party to request and offical licence from the Ministry of Interior because

ties have been enthusiastic about the merger and pledged to work together for common causes, Mr. Mdanat said. He said he expected the constituent assembly, which will be ceremony, the minister said convened on Sept. 17, will that the pipeline is expected endorse the new party's to supply up to 10 million

welcomes new members, and the political manifesto which is expected to emerge from the September meeting will outline the new political financed by the European Union (EU), the minister

French loan to cover 18-month project

Wednesday to a local firm by the Ministry of Water and International consultants Irrigation to lay a 30-kilohave been involved in drawmetre pipeline for the supply ing up engineering plans for of drinking water from these projects. Masharee district in the Jordan Valley to the Irbid Gov-French Ambassador to Jor-

Irbid's drinking water woes

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The French government has already proposed assistance to Jordan in a project which involves drawing water from the Yarmouk River in the north alongside the King Abdullah Canal to a main station at Deir Alla from where the water will be pumped to Amman through an existing pipeline, Mr. Bajolet said.

The projected pipeline from the Yarmouk River to Deir Alta would be 65 kilometres long and will cost \$40 million to extend. It will secure an additional 45 mcm of water annually, according to the ambassador.

Ministry of Water and Irrigation sources said that the deal signed Wednesday involves laying the 30-kilometre, 24-incb diametre pipeline from Masharee to the Jordan Valley, in addition to installing pumping stations, water towers and water purification stations.

The agreement was also signed by the manager of the local firm and the Ministry of Water and Irrigation Secretary-General Outeishat .

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day at 9:00 p.m. * Performance by several Jordanian groups

at the Forum (6:30-7:45 p.m.)

Egyptian circus at the Forum at 9:30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

' Handicrafts and souvenirs at the Amman Citadel (9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.)

Abstract art by Randa Qassis at the Royal Culutal Centre

 Exhibition of Palestinian products 95 at the Universal Expo Centre, University Road.

* Paintings and ceramics by Arab artists at Orfali Art Gallery, Umm Utheina.

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* Exhibition demonstrating the development of cinema over the past century at the French Cultural Centre.

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In explaining the reason for the merger, Mr. Mdanat said that each of the three parties had similar views in terms of political issues, adding that the merger was deemed essential in view of the political situation and the requirements for joint efforts to deal with the coming stage Members of the three par-

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said, adding that the expul-

sion order had been issued by

the state security authorities.

ried out an investigation into

the case and "the facts are

clear and irrefutable," Mr.

Shen said, stipulating that the

two officers had violated

Chinese laws on the protec-

tion of military facilities,

state security and the control

of aliens entering and exiting

Their activities bave also

"seriously undermined Chi-

na's national security," he

The expulsion order was relayed to the U.S. charge

d'affaires Scott Halford in

Beijing at 10 a.m. (0200 GMT) Wednesday, Xinhua

The government lodged a

strong protest with Mr. Hal-

ford, who is currently in

charge of the embassy as it

awaits a new ambassador,

and demanded assurances

that similar incidents would

While no concrete resolu-

tions of the various disputes

hetween Beijing and Washington emerged from

the Qian-Christopber meet-

ing in Brunei, hoth sides

agreed to resume lower-level

talks as well as scheduling the

September talks between the

two ministers.

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Taiwan's Lee welcomes 100year peace pact with China

TAIPEI (R) — Taiwan President Lee Teng-Hui said Wednesday he would welcome a 100-year peace treaty with China, saying that would help the reunification of the two rivals.

"To create opportunities for China's peace and reunification... if the 100-year peace treaty (with China) can be done, it is even more welcome. This is the best solution." Mr. Lee told the National Assembly, broadcast on Independent Television Broadcasting Satellite.

"The question, how to work on it," Mr. Lee said in apparent reference to a trea-"We should strengthen mutual trust and rationality to achieve it.

Taiwan and China have been rivals since the end of the Chinese Civil War in 1949. Both governments say they want eventual reunification, but on different terms. Gradually improved rela-

tions have plunged since Mr. Lee's private visit to the United States in June. China has regarded Taiwan as a renegade province since 1949 and objects to contact be-S.Koreans to join team inspecting

NEW YORK (Agencies) --

Despite past efforts by North

Korea to limit the role of its

Southern rivals, South Ko-

reans will be included in a

team inspecting a proposed

North Korean nuclear reac-

tor site, a U.S. official said

by an international consor-

tium led by South Korea,

Japan and the United States,

will replace a reactor that

U.S. officials have said could

In negotiations with the

But Robert Gallucci, assis-

United States, North Korea

has repeatedly sought to ex-

tant U.S. secretary of state,

insisted that North Korea will

have to accept its rivals when

the inspection team arrives in

late August or early Septem-

ber to prepare the site for

construction of the South

South Korea will pay a cen-tral role in this light water reactor project," Mr. Galluc-

A spokesman for the North

Korean delegation to the Un-

ited Nations refused to com-

WASHINGTON (AP) -

The Clinton administration

plans to admit 20,000 fewer

refugees in fiscal 1996, large-

ly because the number of Vietnamese eligible for re-

For years, the United

States has operated special

programmes for the Viet-

namese children of American

soldiers who served in Viet-

nam and for former officials

of the U.S.-backed Saigon

regime sent to reeducation

camps after the Communist

Resettlement of those

fugee status is declining.

"We have insisted that

Korean-designed reactors.

clude South Koreans.

produce fuel used in nuclear

Two new reactors, funded

Tuesday,

weapons.

Iween Taiwan and other countries.

China posiponed highlevel talks with Taiwan after Mr. Lee's U.S. visit and conducted missile tests north of the island last month, triggering massive fears and plunging stock and foreign exchange markets.

Meanwhile, Taiwan's Defence Ministry said Wednesday it had not received any information about a planned military exercise around Oct. 10 announced by President

The exercise is planned for National Day, Oct. 10, but was not being staged in retaliation to China's recent missile tests north of the island, state-funded Chinese Television System quoted Defence Minister Chiang Chung-Ling as saying.

Mr. Chiang, who declined to comment on the exercise, said on state-funded radio: "Ask The Spokesman's

"We have not yet received any information about the exercise. We will issue a formal notice if there is one." an

North Korea nuclear reactor site

Mr. Gallucci spoke at a

news conference at the U.S.

mission to the United Na-

tions following the first

general meeting of the Ko-

rean Peninsula Energy De-

The consortium was cre-

ated in march to implement a

U.S.-North Korea accord to

replace North Korea's

plutonium-producing reactor

at Yongbyon with light water

reactors that cannot easily

convert fuel to weapons-

bad tense relations with

South Korea since the end of

the Korean War in the 1950s,

had objected to South Ko-

rean models. But final terms

were worked out between

negotiators in Malaysia in

pected Pyongyang of de-veloping a nuclear weapons

received commitments from

several nations to help fi-

nance the \$4.5 billion pro-

ject. Mr. Gallucci said most

of the cost will be paid by

eligible is almost completed.

Under Secretary of State Pe-ter Tarnoff told the Senate's

iudiciary committee Tues-

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Mr. Tarnoff said President

Bill Clinton is proposing a refugee ceiling of 90,000 for

the next fiscal year, com-

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Meanwhile, at a downtown

news conference, the private

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States declined by 59,000 to said.

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U.S. to admit fewer refugees

velopment Organisation.

official at the spokesman's office said by telephone. Mr. Lee told the National in June. China has postponed scheduled high-level talks

Assembly Tuesday that a military exercise "with certain scales" would be held around Oct. 10 to display the island's defensive ability and firepower.

He said China's recent missile tests aroused Concern and there was a need to show the people that Taiwan's military power was on the

"We may hold an exercise with certain scales before or after the double ten (Oct. 10) festival. Please come and inspect, then you will understand our military's firepower and combat ability," Mr. Lee told the National Assembly.

The China Times Express newspaper reported Wednesday that the exercise, named Hua Hsin, would he held before Oct. 10 at a navy base in Tsuoyin in southern Kaohsiung and Mr. Lee would observe it.

The army, the navy and the air force would all join the exercise, the newspaper said. Taiwan-China relations

Under the accord, the Un-

ited States promised to pro-

vide North Korea with heavy

fuel oil until the new reactors

Mr. Gallucci said that

could amount to 500,000 met-

ric tonnes of fuel oil worth

about \$50 million each year,

The United States has sent

150,000 metrie tonnes so far

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Mr. Gallucci said was pro-

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The prime contractor for

the two planned reactors will

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The Netherlands Tuesday

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place North Korea's nuclear

reactors, the Dutch Foreign

Ministry said in a statement.

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Wednesday of two U.S. Air Force officers for spying on military facilities, dealing a plunged after Mr. Lee's private visit to the United States

with the island. The atmosphere further worsened over China's missile tests, which triggered massive fears in Taiwan and caused the stock and foreign exchange markets to tumble

last month.

Beijing has recently restated its threat to recover the island by force and Chinese Defence Minister Chi Haotian said on Monday the People's Liberation Army would not give up the threat of force against Taiwan if the island tried to declare independ-

Both Taiwan and China claim they want reunification, but on different terms. Mr. Lee, who has said repeatedly he objects to independence, told the assembly he was pleased with Taiwan's recent military exercises.

"I feel very confident about our defensive power... I think you should put your heart at ease," he said Tues-

Diarrhoea epidemic kills

Bangladesh

Press reports said as many as 1,500 people, mainly children and elderly, had died from the disease in flood hit regions since May. Health officials said 1,000 people-

tre fot Diarrhoeal Disease and Research (ICDDR) in. Bangladesh also issued an emergency, alert for the capital- with its reeming population of eight millions.

reporting daily to the centre. nearly twice the average number of past years, the ICDDR said in a statement. "We are witnessing an

tre director, describing the Thousands of people

by monsoon floods in July the worst in six years. Health officials said diarrhoea, which kills by de-

time of the year. But receding floods had left contaminated water and a

serious health situation, they said. And the Meteorological Department has warned of fresh flooding this month forcing the government to prepare contingency plans for a new crisis.

The ICDDR assistant director, Graham Wright told AFP the centre's warning was based on cases reported to the hospital, which was overflowing with patients.

Indian government said

Wednesday that it will hold

legislative elections in the

state of Kashmir, which were

put off in July, when the

Steps taken included sus-

tained operations against

Muslim separatists, reactivat-

ing the civil administration.

and providing facilities for

electorate, he said.

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ambassador from Washingmajor blow to efforts to reton and cancelled planned solve the current crisis in Sino-U.S. defence talks in Sino-U.S. relations. The Foreign Ministry said retaliation. the 24-hour expulsion order The expulsion was announced the same day as U.S. officials voiced hopes that the deterioration of ties had "bottomed out" follow-

had been issued Wednesday morning on Joseph Wei Chan, air force liason officer with the U.S. consulategeneral in Hong Kong, and his deputy, Dwayne Howard Florenzie. It was not immediately

BEIJING (AFP) - China

ordered the expulsion

clear where the two officers were being held or whether the expulsion order had been carried out.

The men were caught "on the spot" hy Chinese soldiers on July 29 in a restricted military zone in southeast China, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang, quoted by the official Xinhua News Agency. He added that they had "illegally acquired military intelligence by photographing and videotaping.

The U.S. State Department in Washington said it was aware of the expulsions of the attaches hut had no immediate comment to

But the incident will fuel the crisis in Sino-U.S. relations, which have been in a downward spiral ever since the controversial "private" visit of Taiwanese President Lee Teng-Hui to the United

man topping Pakistan's list of

another when police tried to

Pakistan gang leader killed in gunbattle were killed by 10 heavily armed police officers, said

China expels 2 U.S. air force officers

States in June, analysts said.

Beijing, which views Nationalist Taiwan as a re-

negade province, strongly de-

nounced the visit, recalled its

ing talks between U.S.

Secretary of State Warren

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Foreign Minister Qian

sidelines of a meeting of the Association of South East

Asian Nations (ASEAN).

had marked the first tentative

steps at patching up ties that

have also been strained by

the arrest last month in China

of U.S. human rights activist

Harry Wu on espionage

Observers suggested that the expulsion of the two air

force officers would provide

Beijing with another weapon

to attack Washington when Mr. Qian and Mr. Christ-

opher meet again in Septem-

According to the Foreign

Ministry spokesman, Mr.

Chan and Mr. Florenzie en-

tered China on July 23, hav-

ing applied for visas on the

grounds of holding consulta-tions with the U.S. embassy

in Beijing and other

consulate-general personnel

in the country.

The talks Tuesday, on the

Qichen in Brunei.

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most-wanted suspects was shot and killed early Wednes-He said police were tipped off that weapons were being day in a gunbattle with police in this troubled port city. moved out of the troubled Farooq Dada, implicated Malir district in eastern in scores of killings, extortion Karachi but he said Mr. attempts and kidnappings, Dada's involvement was a was hauling weapons from one neighbourhood to bonus.

"We had this area under surveillance and when this car came hy we ordered them

police discovered Mr. Dada in the bullet-ravaged card, along with 13 automatic rifles and a rocket propelled grenade launcher.

Police said there was a, I.5 million rupee (\$500,000) re-ward for Mr. Dada's capture.

Mr. Dada was a member of the Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM). a militant ethnic group that has clashed with authorities in Karacbi, the country's financial and

hundreds in

DHAKA. (AFP) - Up to 1,500 people have been killed in a diarrhoea epidemic that has swept Bangladesh where experts said Wednesday the situation was "extremely

had died since January. But the International Cen-

Up to 450 patients were

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said Demisse Habte, the censituation as "extremely grave."

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stop his vehicle, said Khalid Tipu, a police spokesman. to stop, but instead they opened fire," he said. Mr. . Dada and his three companions opened fire but When the shooting stopped industrial centre. Hurricane brings winds, rain

but little damage to Florida FORT PIERCE, Fla (R) -Hurricane Erin swept ashore on Florida's east coast early Wednesday, raking central areas of the state with high winds and heavy rain as It headed towards the Gulf of

Mexico.. Enn. rated a minima ricane with highest sustained winds of 85 miles per hour (137 kmph), blew down power lines around Vero Beach and Fort Pierce, about 150 miles (230 km) north of Miami. Gusts toppled some trees and rattled street signs. but apparently caused little damage, according to early reports.

"Maximum sustained are near 85 mph, and weakening is likely after the storm moves over land. the National Hurricane Centre said in an update on the storm's progress.

Erin's arrival had been nervously awaited - the last hurricane to strike Florida was Andrew in 1992, a killer storm that left 35 dead and 250.000 homeless and caused more than \$20 billion in dam-

Local emergency managers kept police and emergency

warned residents to stay inside as the storm remained over the Florida peninsula, but local media reports indicated some residents were

rerum nome Emergency officials had ordered 100,000 residents of luxury flats and beach homes on barrier islands off central Florida to evacuate, but it was unclear how many heeded the warning, which was issued lale Tuesday after-

"Look like we made it through the night," said Palm Beach County Assistant Administrator Patrick Miller.

The hurricane's immediate threat was rain - between three and six inches (7-15 cm) was expected — and surging ocean storm tides of 5-10 feet .5 to 3 metres). .
Trees bent and branches

re loose in the high winds, which sent garbage can lids and other loose dehris shooting along roadways.
Residents who called local

television stations said the storm was blowing out power transformers in some neigh-

workers on standby and bourboods and heavy rain was pooling on low-lying streets and in parking lots.

"I'm scared to death," said a woman who identified herself as Doris Hurst, reporting leaving hurricane shelters in cerie blue flashes as transforthe early morning hours to mers exploded at the electric

· Hurricane warnings remained in effect for the east coast of the state as Erin swept west-northwest across the stale on a path that woold take it near Disney World in Orlando before emerging in the Gulf of Mexico. Erin could regroup over the warm waters and threaten other coastal areas, forecasters

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration rolled the shuttle Endeavour from its seaside launch pad back to the safety of its mammoth assembly building at Cape Canaveral Tuesday, and workers at the Magic

Kingdom left their jobs early. Erin surprised residents of central Florida. It was expected to slam into Miami and Fort . Lauderdale, but veered to the north during its last 24 hours over the Atlantic Ocean.

LONDON (AFP) - Eleven

years after a man was acquit-ted of taking part in Bittain's biggest gold robbery, a judge has ruled that he was involved and must repay the

Janet Reno defends Waco decision but haunted by children's deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) -U.S. Attc. ney General Janet Reno defended her decision to use teargas in the bloody raid on a religious cult's compound but said the fiery deaths of children there "will he with me for the rest of my

Testifying at the end of hearings by two subcommit-tees of the House of Representatives, Ms. Reno rehuffed persistent attempts by majority Republicans to blame President Bill Clinton. a Democrat, for what went

wrong at Waco, Texas. Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and 80 followers died at Wace hy fire or gunfire on April 19, 1993, six hours after the FBI started filling the compound with teargas.

One of the two Republicans chairing the 10-day hearings, Representative Bill Zeliff. suggested that Mr. Clinton made the decision and that he improperly distanced himself from it.

"American tanks were turned on American citizens without the approval of anyone who was politically accountable," Mt. Zeliff said in his closing statement.

Ms. Reno insisted, as she bas from the day the gas was used, that the decision was hers and that Mr. Clinton pledged to "hack me up' when she explained what the FBI was going to do.

"I made the best judgment could based on everything I had available," she said. The deaths, which the gov-

ernment termed a mass suicide in fires set by the Davidians, ended a 51-day standoff that began with a Feb. 28 shootout that left six Davidians and four federal agents dead.

A final report won't be ready for months, but lawmakers on both sides agreed that the hearings had debunked various conspiracy theories about what happened at Waco.

Throughout the hearings. Republicans criticised actions by the FBI, the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, which tried to serve warrants at the compound. But the FBI's use of teargas came in for special

scrutiny. Mr. Zeliff said that decision had led to the deaths of Koresh and his followers. "Koresh was the bomb,"

he said. "We lit the fuse." He softened his position in his closing statement, saying Koresh was responsible for the deaths.

Ms. Reno said she initially

rejected the gas plan but agreed to it after military experts told her the gas would not be harmful to children who were inside the compound. Other factors in her decision, she added, included FBI reports that the group had fresh water and enough food for up to a year, the likelihood that reported child ahuse would confinue. the fatigue of the specially trained bostage rescue team and a concern that a private militia group might head to Wace "either to help Koresh

or attack him." At several points in her eight hours of testimony, Ms. Reno talked about thinking about the children at the

compound. "I stayed awake at night. wondering what was the right thing to do," she said, "Whal about the children?"

"Those children, no matter how they were found, the fact that they are dead is a tragedy that will be with me for the rest of my life.

India to hold Kashmir polls 'when conducive' NEW DELHI (AFP) - The Muslim separatist drive has left more than 12,000 people dead since 1989, has been ruled directly by New Delhi since January 1990 after an elected government was sack-

Bhavanesh Chaturvedi. Fresh elections were to be minister of state in the prime held to pick a new Kashmir minister's office, informed legislature in July hut were postponed indefinitely folparliament that the governlowing an escalation, in vioment was doing its best to lence after the burning of an restore normalcy to the northern state wracked by Islamic shrine in May. Muslim insurgency. Muslim militants have re-

"A decision to hold free peatedly refused to take part and fair elections in Kashmir in any election, saying they will be taken in consultation will only be satisfied with an with Election Commission end to Indian rule over Kashwhen the situation becomes mir, the country's only conducive." he said in the Muslim-majority state. Lok Sabha. or lower house. Mr. Chaturvedi also told The government was keep-

MPs that the government had ing a close watch on the beefed up security in the situation, and "had already troubled Kashmir Valley afinitiated a number of steps to ter the kidnapping of live encourage the political proforeign tourists by Muslim cess their and to create conguerrillas last month. ditions for free and fair polls," Mr. Chaturvedi said. "Patrolling in sensitive

areas as well as tourist resorts has been intensified, and pickets manned by security forces (have been) established to check recurrence of politicians to interact with the such incidents," he said.

But Mr. Chaturvedi gave Kashmir, where a bloody no details of the attempts to

trace the two Britons, an American, a German and a

The Britons and the American were scized by the Al Faran militant group on July 4 from Kashmir's mountainous region of Pahalgam. The other two were seized by the group four days later. . Al Faran is demanding the

release of 21 jailed militants in exchange for the five. New Delhi has rejected the demand. On Tuesday, the rebels said one of the hostages was seriously ill but did not identify him.

Meanwhile, police warned Wednesday of possible bomb lasts in Bombay in the wake two powerful explosions in

A police statement said o major bomb blasts in shmir's winter capital Jammu and the recovery of an unexploded bomb in New Delhi indicated that Bombay could be the next target. "The possibility of similar

blasts being set off in Bombay cannot be ruled out." the statement said, urging people to be alert while travelling on public transport and in crowded places.

The police said railway and

bus stations, movie halls and crowded market places were the likely targets, and asked citizens to look out for unclaimed objects such as radio sets and bags.

Twenty people were killed and 60 others injured when a bomb hidden inside a scooter exploded in Jammu on July 20. A Hindu pilgrim died in a second blast in the city six days later.

Muslim separatist groups fighting to end Indian rule over Kashmir have claimed responsibility for the bomb-

Around the same time as the Jammu hlasts, police detected a powerful bomb in a New Delhi railway station. Some 320 people were killed in Bombay in a string of blasts on March 12, 1993 which the authorities blamed on Muslim members of the

underworld wanting to avenge the December 1992 razing of a 16th century mosque by Hindu fanatics. The explosions at the Bomhay Stock Exchange. Air In-

dia headquarters and other prominent landmarks injured hundreds and destroyed properly worth millions of

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novelist Jane Austen niav have had a lesbian relationship with her sister. In an article headlined "was Jane Austen gay?" Terry Castle, professor of English at Callfornia's Standford University, noted that the Jane shared a bed for years with her sister Cassandra. After a review of Austen's letters, Prof. Castle noted that Jane turned down two offers of marriage and she commented on the "passionate nature of the sibling bond," between the two women. Austen, author of Pride And Prejudice, Emma and a string of other witty observations of English middle-class life, died unmarried in 1817 at the age of 43. "The conventions of 19thcentury female sociability may bave provided the necessary screen behind which both women acted out unconscious narcissistic or homoerotic imperatives," wrote Prof. Castle in the London Review of Books. Austen scholars hit back angrily, saying Prof. Castle was poorly informed about English social history. "It shows such ignorance of the domestic conditions of the time because people did riep in each others' beds. It is a natural thing, partly because they didn't have central heating," said Elizabeth Jenkins; one of Austen's biographers. Another Austen expert. Claire Tomalin said "I think it's about as likely that Jane Austen was gay as that she

Britain's Globe names artistic director

was found ont to be a man."

LONDON (AP) - British actor Mark Rylance was named Tuesday the first artis tic director of the rebuilt Globe theatre, the famous Wooden O" that was home to Shakespeare's kings' me nearly four centuries ago The inaugural Globe season will be launched next May with a summer repertory of four plays, two of them by the Bard, said Rylance, meeting the press hearly a week after a London newspaper leaked his appointment. The slightly built, genial Rylance - born 35 years ago in England but raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin said be wanted a core company of 30 to 35 actors to constitute a true ensemble. No specific actors or directors were named. The Globe, a three-tiered structure situated on the South Bank of the Thames, fulfills a long-held dream of American actor Sam Wanamaker, who died at the age of 74 in December 1993. The entire Globe centre, encompassing two theatres, a restaurant exhibition space and education institute, is expected to be completed by Sept. 21, 1999, the 400th anniversary of the first recorded performance there. The total cost of the project has been put at £30 million (\$47.7 million).

Man ordered to repay \$39m stolen in robbery

£26 million (\$39 million) stolen. The Times reported Wednesday. Anthony White, acquitted in 1984 of taking part in the 1983 bullion obbery at the Brink's-Mai warehouse neare London's Heath. row Airport, was also ordered Tuesday to pay over £2 million (\$3 million) in compensation, the paper-said. Insurers for the Brink's Mat company had sued the couple for the value of the proceeds of the robbeery. Justice Rimmer seaid in court Tuesday that Mr. White and his wife came into substantial wealth after his acquittal in 1984, and that "Mr.: White could not have acquired it lawfully, (and) that its magni-tude shows it was the fruit of a major crime," The Times reported. The judge said that the Whites' family home in London, a property in Spain; jewellery and other assets were bought with the proceeds of the robbery, and that the insures were contied: to them, the paper said. The case against Mr. White, is the latest in a series of actions brought by insurers to Brink's-Mat against acquire either convicted or suspect of taking part in the robber and of handling the proceeds



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Demonstrators carry portraits of the 41-year-old Kurdish woman Gueinax Baghistani, who died last week after several days on a bunger-strike, as some 10,000 Kurds

march through Berlin in a rally mourning the death of their compatriot and demanding independence for Kurdistan (AFP photo)

Angry Kurds bury hunger-striker in Germany

OSNABRUECK, Germany (R) - Hundreds of Kurds shouling support for the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) gathered Wednesday to bury a hungerstriker who died after an eight-day fast in solidanty with Kurdish prisoners in

Turkey. Kurds from across Germany met in the northern city of Osnabrueck to join the funeral procession for 41-year-old Gulnaz Baghistani, a mother of five who died last week after fasting along with hundreds of other Kurds in Ger-

The marchers, many illegally wearing symbols of the PKK, chanted protests against Turkey's treatment of Kurds and against Interior Minister Manfred Kanther, who has blamed the PKK for a spate of arson attacks against Turkish property in Germany The PKK, fighting Ankara

for independence or autonomy in southeast Turkey, has been banned in Germany

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A large flag of the Kurdistan National Liberation Front (ERNK), the PKK's political wing, draped the coffin holding Baghistani, whom radical Kurds have hailed as a martyr.

Berlin City authorines say Baghistani was exhausted by the hunger strike and the summer heat, but Kurdish militants say she died from being manhandled when police broke up the vigil in which she was taking part. The ERNK Monday ac-

cused Germany of the pursuing a "fascist, chauvinist policy towards the Kurdish people's liberation struggle."

In the northern city of Hamburg, police said unidentified people had smashed windows of three big banks, overnight and left behindleaflets expressing solidarity with Kurds. Leftist anarchists were suspected to be behind the incident.

But for a second day in a row there were no reports of arson attacks on Turkish targets, That snapped a week-long series of firebombings of Turkish businesses

and cultural clobs. Some 10,000 Kurds had marched in Berlin Tuesday to

Gen. Kolesnikov told a gov-

He said that with the surge

in crime in Russia, the risk of

chemical weapons attacks

However, the general in

charge of radioactive, biolo-

gical and chemical defence of

the Russian army, Stranislav Petrov, told 1TAR-TASS

news agency that security me-

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had increased.

Baghistani. Officials had warned of

possible violence at the rally, but it went off peacefully. Officials say they had evidence that the PKK, which numbers over 8,000 militants and around 50,000 supporters in Germany, is extending its campaign of violence to target Germany and German properties. especially the

Germany is home to around two million Turkish citizens, including up to 500,000 Kurds, Turkey said Wednesday it

had asked Germany to step up efforts against separatist urds involved in attacks on Turkish targets there.

After a week-long series of firebomb attacks against Turkish targets in Germany, senior Foreign Ministry official Gunduz Aktan summoned the German ambassador in Ankara Tuesday to ask that measures be increased to end the attacks.

He also urged Germany to

"Aktan pointed out that most of those responsible for

went to the task, Gcn. Koles-

nikov said.

The Russian government provided only 13.1 billion rubles (\$3 million) out of 153

billion of rubles (\$33 million)

required to destroy the stocks

truction of 40,000 tonnes of

chemical weapons will be ab-

out \$3.5 billion, the general

In addition, the Russian

parliament has not yet rati-

fied the Paris convention,

signed by Moscow in January

1993 with 129 other coun-

The total cost of the des-

have been an encouragement for new attacks," Foreign Ministry spokesman Nurettin

Nurkan told a news briefing. Turkey and Bonn agreed in March that Germany would throw out militant Kurds, but Mr. Nurkan said to his knowledge none had been deported since then.

Meanwhile, a parliamentin-exile set up by Turkish Kurds met in secret in Vienna last weekend, organisers said Wednesday,

The parliament, which Turkey says is controlled by armed Kurdish extremists, met in the Austrian capital for one day on Sunday, its chairman Yasar Kaya said in a statement released in Brus-

Turkey said it had received assurances from Vienna that Austrian authorities had refused permission for such a meeting and did not recognise the weekend's session.

"If a few people want to meet unofficially in a dark immediately begin deporting room behind closed doors, those involved in the stracks well, what can we do?" Fore-to Turkey in line with a ign Ministry spokesman March accord.

Nurettin Nurkan told a news briefing.

Kurdistan Workers Party previous attacks had not been rebels are represented in the pay their last respects to caught, and that this may parliament.

The convention calls for all

Russian chemical weapons to

be destroyed within 10 years,

Gen. Kolesnikov said. In March, President Boris

Yeltsin began a programme

to begin weapons destruction

in line with the convention,

with one destruction centre

in Saratov southeast of Mos-

cow, and another to the Rus-

sian Republic of Udmurtiya.

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gas and V-gas, according to

an estimate made one year

The stocks include 32,000

the general said.

Sri Lankan army on alert ahead of new peace moves

COLOMBO (AFP) - Sri Lankan forces stepped up security in Colombo Wednesday fearing violence as the president prepares to release a new peace proposal to end the island's civil war.

"Terrorists may try to create some trouble to sabotage the peace package. We have nor brought additional troops from other areas, but those who are already here have been placed on a high state of alert," a military official said.

The rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) also increased security in the northern peoinsula of Jaffna, hunting for a traitor they believe tipped off the military to an attack in which hundreds of guerrillas may have died.

President Chandrika Kumaratunga's proposais to grant greater autonomy to minority Tamils in exchange for peace are to be announced Thursday morning, officials said.

Justice Minister G. 1. Peiris said the package is anchored on extensive devolution to ensure stability and to end the fighting which has claimed more than 50,000 lives since 1972.

Draft proposals showed the country is to be divided into eight administrative regions with extensive legislative powers.

The plan seeks to grant a key territorial concession to the Tamils by joining two existing provinces in the north and east where the Tamil minority is concen-

Radicals among the majority Sinhalese community opposed a similar peace plan in 1987, and 55 people died in the ensuing riots.

On Wednesday, heavily armed soldiers stepped up road blocks and checks on vehicles entering the capital and more guards were outside key government installa-

already been set up outside Mrs. Kumaratunga's official residence, which is also protected by anti-aircraft guns.
The Sinhalese People's Li-beration Front (JVP) has

Sandbag bunkers have

ioined the influential Buddhist clergy in calling the proposal amendments to the constitution a sell-out to Tamils. The government is pre-

paring to unveil a package that will pave the way to disintegrate the country. This so called semiement to the ethnic conflict is a giant step towards the creation of Eelam (seperate Tamil state)," the JVP said.

Western diplomats said the package, leaked to the press last week, showed a major advance on all previous peace attempts and should be acceptable to "any reasonable person.

Meanwhile, in the Tamil stronghold of Jaffna, Tigers chief Velupillai Prabhakaran ordered the search for the "traitor" who enabled the military to inflict the Tamils with their heaviest losses yet in a single day.

The military claims to have killed at least 300 Tigers, while the Tigers admit to

losing 180 fighters, including 128 women, during their massive pre-dawn attack on a military complex in northeast Weli Oya Friday.

In the capital the army also fielded more guards to protect the funeral procession of Lieutenant Genreral Nalin Angamana, killed by the Tigers Friday in revenge for the Weli Oya debacle.

The slain eastern army commander was cremated here Wednesday after a military funeral conducted amid tight security, witnesses said.

The Colombo General Cemetery was guarded by heavily armed soldiers as Brig. Angammana's remains were cremated following traditional Buddhist rites led by saffron-robed Buddhist

Hundreds of people including police and soldiers lined the funeral path and traffic was diverted on many key routes to make way for the military procession, complete, with a 15-gun salute.

Brig. Angammana, who was eastern commander at the time of his death, was the senior most army officer to be killed since the slaying of the northern military chief. General Denzil Kobbekandowa by the LTTE in August

Brig. Angammana was posihumously given two promotions after he was killed Sunday in eastern Batticaloa district.

The Sri Lankan government plans to introduce the draft if the current ethnic war in the island's northeast is

prolonged, state-run Daily News said Wednesday.

Posts and Telecommunications Minister Margala Samaraweera told a seminar for local journalists Tuesday that if the war dragged on the government would draft "all able-bodied youth over 18 years," the Daily News said.

Mr. Samaraweera, a close associate of President Chandrika Kumaratunga, said that even Sri Lankan youth residing overseas would be called on for national military ser-

Those who wanted the government to unveil its peace package to resolve the ethnic conflict only after defeating Tamil rebels had sent their children abroad to ensure they were not sent to the battle-front, Mr. Samaraweera said.

"Those who advocate war have their children safely abroad. They should be prepared to send their sons and daughters to the front if they want the war to go on," Mr.

Samaraweera said. Mr. Samaraweera, who heads a peace movement initiated by Mrs. Kumaratunga, said that 99 per cent of the soldiers fighting the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) were "sons from poor families."

"Their huts are so small that their coffins cannot be placed inside. They have no money for a decent funeral for their sons who fought for the country," referring to almost daily funerals in villages of soldiers killed in bat-

Peace talks survive firing of Chechen delegate

GROZNY, Russia (AFP) — Chechen and Russian negotiators pursued talks on a prisoner exchange here Wednesday, saying the abrupt resignation of the head of the Chechen delegation would not undermine peace efforts.

But both Chechen and Russian sides insisted the peace process, which brought about a broad ceasefire and disarmament agreement Sunday, would go on despite the depreure of Usman Imagev. Mr. Imayev said late Tuesday that he had been fired by

aratist leagei Dzhokhar Dudayev, reportedly for making too many concessions to the Russians in Sunday's military accord.

Mr. Dudayev has been quoted as rejecting the agreement, but Movlem Salamov, an aide to Mr. Dudayev, said Wednesday that this was not true and that Mr. Imayev had simply resigned.

He said there had been complaints in the Chechen camp about Mr. Imayev,

TOKYO (AFP) — A senior member of Prime Minister

Tomiichi Murayama's party

called for his resignation

secretary-general of the So-

although they concerned organisational matters rather than the substance of the talks.

"Any information negotiator, Vyacheslav Mikhailov, said late Tuesday that Sunday's agreement, reached after six weeks of talks, would be respected.

"We think the accord is already legally in existence because it was written that it would go into effect the day of being signed;" Mr. Mikhailov was quoted as saying by Radio Mayak in an interview monitored in London by the BBC.

But Mr. Imayev's departure was bound to complicate the delicate and tense process aimed at ending the victous war that started last December when Russian troops poured in to crush a threeyear-old Chechen independence drive.

Mr. Mikhailov called the change in the Chechen delegation a "violation" of previous agreements on the makeup of the negotiating teams and said the Russian side would consul on the matter. He praised Mr. Imayev as "cool headed."

Another Russian delegation member, Vladimir Zorin, said "Usman Imayev skillfully conducted the alks. Without him, the process will be more complicated.' Mr. Salamov said the de-

legation would be headed by Khodzhakhmed Yerikhanov, who until now served as Mr. Imayev's deputy during the negotiations. ITAR-TASS news agency, to Mr. Imayev, said the nego-

tiator was being used by Mr. Dudayev as a "scapegoat" for Chechen concessions at the talks. "Mr. Imayev will bear responsibility ... thus freeing

Mr. Dudayev from it and avoiding a split among his supporters," the aide said. But the clearest indication tht the peace talks were still on track was the work con-

tinued Wednesday to finalise

prisoners of war agreed to in the accord and expected to take place within days. Mr. Zorin said he would

head a working group at the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which is mediating the talks, Thursday, to discuss the future peace talks.

Yet to be discussed are the fraught questions of an interim government, who can run in planned elections and how Chechenya's status with the Russian Federation will be decided. These questions will be dis-

cussed later at delegation

Both sides completely disagree on how many prisoners are being held and a mass prisoner exchange by Aug. 7, as agreed to in Sunday's military accord, seems in-

creasingly unlikely. The Cbechens claim 5,000 of their fighters and civilians are missing, although the Russian list, which Russian officials admit is inaccurate. details of an exchange of only carries 1,200 names.

tighter security measures. In 1994, only a third of the ago by a non-governmental been made public by the tries, which calls for the descommittee studying chemicpress, and the knowledge of truction of chemical weapons al, biological and conventionbudger needed to destroy their location makes them and prohibits their manufacal weapons stores. chemical weapons stocks ture, storage and use.

Berlusconi says change must await election ROME (R) — Former Prime Minister Silvio Berluscooi called Wednesday for radical constitutional reform to give Italy stable government but 'said the changes should not be tackled until after an

general election. Addressing parliament, the conservative media magnate called among other changes for direct election of the prime minister, who is currently appointed by the president, and more room for a government to act indepen-

dently of parliament. Mr. Berlusconi, forced to resign last December after just seven months as prime minister following a coalition

musiny, was speaking for his conservative Freedom Alliance bloc in a debate in the lower Chamber of Deputies on institutional re-

He hopes a general election, four years early, can take place as soon as November. Centre-left parties and other Berlusconi opponents in parliament want at least basic reforms to Italy's system of government in place before polls.

All oppose Mr. Berlusconi's drive popular election of the prime minister, arguing that the tvcoon-turnedpolitician could use his powers to ride roughshod over democratic rules.

Armando Cossutta, of the Marxist party Communist Refoundation, told the debate. "Berlusconi's vision is an authoritarian vision. It is a vision of command, like running a company.

The leader of the biggest party in the centre-left grouping in Italy's parliament called Wednesday for basic democratic reforms to be put in place before the country holds an early general elec-

current electoral law, could be achieved. Hisl remarks suggested that he saw no rush to decide when to go to the Mr. D'Alema told the

Chamber of Deputies during a debate on institutional reform that the "real time" for a decision on a general election would occur when stopgap Prime Minister Lamberto Dini has completed his limited policy programme.

That process will not be complete until Mr. Dini, who heads a government of tech-Massimo D'Alema, of the ex-Communist Democratic nocrats, has presented the draft budget for 1996 to par-Party of the Left (PDS), urged all parties to consider liament some time in Septemhow reforms, including to the

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some are still finding out that

their closest friends betrayed

TOKYO (AFP) — Japan's Emperor Akihito Wednesday

tors staged a tally nearby protesting against his visit. Empress Michiko placed a wreath at the National Cemetery in Peace Memorial Park in Itoman, for those who died in the battle for the island, and offered a silent

from Tokyo ahead of the one-day trip.
"I pray that the victims'

visited 114 newly erected stone monuments engraved with the names of 234,183 people killed in the battle. including U.S. Chinese and Korean citizens.

couple were greeted by some Americans and 250,000

as saying by Jiji Press news

Wednesday, widening a rift opened by the Socialists' centrate on reorganising our crushing setback in upper house elections last month. party," Mr. Goto was quoted Masanori Goto, vice cial Democratic Party (SDP).

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Mr. Murayama has called on Mr. Murayama to pledged to remain in office.

step down as government leader in order to save the

"It's better for Mr. Murayama to resign and con-

cent of Japanese voters do

But the party's number-two. Secretary-General Wataru Kubo, has informed the prime minister he intends to resign to take responsibility for the SDP's poor showing

at the July 23 pulls, Kyodo News Agency said. On Wednesday, the daily Yomiuri Shimbon published a poll slowing that 50.4 per

Call to quit widens rift in Japanese coalition not support Mr. Murayama's cabinet, the lowest level of public confidence in the gov-ernment since he formed his government to June 1994.

> "We need to summarise the election results and want in clarify one responsibility." Mr. Kubo told a labour union conference in Saitama prefecture, north of Tokyo.

Japan emperor mourns war dead in Okinawa

mourned war victims killed in the battle for Okinawa 50 years ago.

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prayer.
"We must remember the fact that one in every four Okinawans died in the war," the emperor said in a statement quoted by Jiji Press and released upon his departure

souls may rest in peace in the hope that this peace will never be infringed while keeping in my mind the deaths of many people which laid the foundation for peace," he

The imperial couple also

90 survivors. "1 believe you had a terrible time 50 years ago," the emperor was quoted by Japanese reporters as telling one of the survi-

central park. We want the emperor to think about what kind of

feelings his coming 10 Okina-

wa evokes among the be-reaved families," Kikue

Yamano, a member of a local "This is not a trip to com-Yamano said, who joiced a protest parade through the

wa never happen again." Many elderly people in Okinawa and other cities, instill angry at the imperial family's role in the war.

Okinawa was the only place in Japan during the war where ground battles that took place involved civilians.

nawa was launched in April 1945 and an estimated 12,500

Japanese were killed. It was the second trip to Okinawa for the emperor and empress since they came to the throne in 1989. They vi-

sited the island in April 1993 to take part in a tree-planting ceremony. The emperor last week visited Hiroshima and Nagasa-ki. But his visits drew criticism from 'Hibakusha,' survivors of the Aug. 6 and Aug. 9, 1945 atomic bomb attacks, who questioned the role of

his father Emperor Hirohito in the war. Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko will conclude their series of tours to mourn the war dead Thursday when they attend a cere-

mony at the cenotaph in Tokyo. They are not scheduled to make any public appearances

on Aug. 6 and 9. Meanwhile, Japan's Transport Minister Shizuka Kamei condemned Americans Wednesday over their continued support for the decision 50 years ago to drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

"If countries justify the atomic bombings, nothing will come out," Mr. Kamei told a news conference. "I acknowledge that there are various kinds of discussion on the issue, but people need to sincerely reconsider the

The conservative politician made the remarks two days after an opinion poll in the United States showed 76 per cenr of Americans still believe the United States should not apologise to Japan for the bombings.

"In fact my elder sister died recently of after-effects of the bombing," Mr. Kamei said, "and I was an eyewitness to the mushroom cloud when I was a child." More than 246,000 people

were killed following the bombings and some 522,000 are still suffering after-effects of radiation 50 years on. Referring to France's plan

to resume nuclear testing in the South Pacific, Mr. Kamei said: "There is no advantage to holding nuclear power.

"The Soviet Union collapsed although it had maintained nuclear power," he

"In addition to that, the continued slump in the Russian economy was mainly due to huge spending on developing nuclear weapons. Countries, including the United States and China, should learn such historical facts."

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Mielke release outrages

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Moabii Jail in an ambulance late Tuesday, two days early. after serving the standard two-thirds of his six-year jail

sentence. His release means that six years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, none of the East German Communist rulers

remain in jail. As courts struggled to build airtight cases against the former elite, they finally convicted Mr. Mielke in 1993, not for STASI activities, hut for murdering two policemen in 1931 while he was a Communist agitator fighting street battles with

The thought of early release for the man whose power was second only to that of Communist Party boss Erich Honecker angered those persecuted by Mr. Mielke's apparatus of terror.

German terror victims

"How do you try to keep up the spirits of people who unjustly spent years in jail, who are still suffering are still waiting to see those what they did," said Peter port group for the victims of

dictatorship.

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Mr. Mielke's STASI was

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Dial a winner

THERE IS a growing consensus that telephone services in this country can never be fully and adequately provided as long as they remain strictly in the hands of the state bureaucracy. There is hardly a nation that has been able to offer efficient telecommunication facilities without the involvement of the private sector in the enterprise. Jordan is not so far behind in reaching the same conclusion as Parliament is in the process of adopting new legislation that aims to transform the government-run Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) into a private but publicly owned company at first. In line with this shift in attitude, the Minister of Post and Telecommunications, Mr. Jamal Saraireh, has confirmed the failure of attempts to keep the telephone service in the hands of the government alone. He declared, in a newspaper interview three days ago, that the public sector can never afford the cost of introducing the modernisation and expansion needed for a successful enterprise, and that only through the participation of the private sector could we hope to catch up with the advanced nations in the telecommunications

The shortcomings of the present policy of full control by the state are obvious to the public at large. In spite of the fact that the TCC is a money-making state agency, most of its revenues are earmarked for other expenditures by the Treasury. We are in the midst of some tough preparatory work for the October Economic Conference on the Middle East and North Africa. We also seem determined to introduce market economy into the country as a prelude to coping with a new era in our history. Yet we have 120,000 pending applications for telephone lines that cannot be met. Ninety-five per cent of the existing facilities across the country have already been exhausted. The best evidence of this unsatisfactory state of affairs is the fact that only less than eight per cent of the population enjoy telephone services. In comparison, the percentages in Sweden and the U.S. are 70 and 53 espectively. Even local calls often cannot be made due to over-charged transmitters.

We certainly share the view that telephones are a basic necessity for modern living and cannot be regarded as a luxury. The ability to call a physician or a policeman when it is a matter of life or death is a basic human right that should be made available to all people who need and require it. Since the state on its own cannot offer this service then it is time to expedite the creation of the projected telecommunication company as a prelude possibly to total privatisation. The success or failure of the anticipated new company would only depend on whether it can keep its revenues for investment and continued development, managing it efficiently, and on commercial basis, is also a precondition. Otherwise the company, no matter what name we adopt for it, should expect the same fate as that faced by the TCC at the present.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

WRITING IN Al Ra'i, a columnist Wednesday discussed the situation in Iraq, saying that its people have suffered a great deal for so long, and the time has come for ending the embargo five years after its imposition. Having responded favourably to all the conditions and requirements of the U.N. Security Council and shown full cooperation with the teams sont to destroy the nation's weapons. Iraq has become eligible for life again, said Sultan Al Hattab. It is shameful for the world community to perpetuate the sanction which are starving the innocent people of Iraq and it is incumbent on the Arab World to take quick steps to end the people's ordeal, said the writer. Commenting on His Majesty King Hussein's statement expressing readiness to undertake any mission designed to end the sufferings of the Iraqi people, the writer said Jordanians, who have displayed solidarity with the Iraqi people, have been and will continue to respond to the King's initiative and back his humanitarian endeavour. He said that as the world approaches the 21st century, it is expected from the international community to lift the embargo and end the injustice and save the Iraqi children, the sick and the women who are helpless and who have suffered a great

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour reflected on the situation in he self-rule areas of Palestine, noting that the Palestine National Authority has had to overcome numerous difficulties in building the political and economic entity which serves as an infrastructure for the Palestine state. Mohammad Kawash said that because of the initial difficulties, it was natural and reasonable for President Arafat to hold all the power and supervise every step in the creation of this entity in the initial stages. But having done that and the self-rule areas having passed the crucial stage, the time has come for Mr. Arafat to assign the different responsibilities to eligible and qualified people who should direct their attention towards giving impetus to social and economic development with the meagre resources they posses. demanded the writer. He said in order to facilitate the construction of the state. Mr. Arafat must seek the help of the teams, qualified to take over the process of construction and to pursue the negotiations with the Israelis at the

The View from Academia

NASA's space-station project: An opportunity for international cooperation and peace

THE CONTROVERSY in the U.S. over NASA's space programmes, especially over the plan to establish a station in space, has recently intensified with opponents and proponents each trying to affirm their position. Even though the debate may seem to some a purely American issue, it is in fact an international matter of concern to

present and future generations.

Put simply, the situation is as follows. Eager to make more effective its efforts to explore the universe and reap the benefits humanity expects from the space programmes, NASA is forging ahead with plans to erect a station in space. The idea is not new. It was announced a few years back; during the Reagan era, in particular, there was much talk about it. Presently, NASA is determined to carry out its plans at any expense, ignoring all the reservations and opposition tactics which the critics and opponents are

expressing.

According to NASA, the benefits to be gained from its overall programmes are numerous. As one official has put it, "the future of all bumanity is at stake." What this precisely means is not entirely clear from the debate, but one gathers the following. First, the journeys into space tell us a great deal about our planet Earth itself. Secondly, with world population increasing at an alarming rate and with environmental hazards and ecological disasters on the increase, no one knows when life on Earth becomes extremely uncomfortable (even impossible). Crazy as the idea may sound, no one knows when life on another planet may become a must for the population of this globe. Thirdly, a great deal of scientific knowledge bas been gained and will be gained from the various space programmes. Fourthly, humanity has known a lot, and will continue to, about the universe of which we are a small part. As one person bas recently said in a television show, "Imagine us asking Columbus why be would want to journey through an unknown ocean." And so forth. As for the station itself, which will be equipped with everything the astronauts and scientists need, it is to be an important link between Earth

and the other planets or parts of the universe. "Even the shuttle programmes won't mean anything in the absence of the station," says a NASA official.

The sceptics, critics and opponents have the following to say. First of all, some are not entirely sure about what will ultimately be gained from the station and the overall NASA programmes. "Most of it is more fiction than fact." Secondly, and more importantly, NASA's programmes, especially the station, are too costly.

The cost-benefit analysis dominates the current controversy. NASA is not exactly sure, the critics insist, bow much the station (for example) actually costs. NASA responds by saying that it is sure. The station will cost \$28 billion to build and \$13 billion to operate for 10 years. The critics then go on to affirm that the figure they have actually heard and anticipate is in the neighbourhood of \$90 billion. There is then, they insist, an ambiguity about the total expenses. They add: What guarantees do we have (assuming that NASA's figures are clear and accurate) that NASA won't stop in the middle of construction and ask for more money? Furthermore (the opponents go on to say), wby, during the present economic recession, should money be dealt to NASA freely when substantial cuts are being made in more tangible and rewarding spheres, such as medical care and education?

There is no doubt that many of the reservations just stated make a great deal of sense. Currently, most countries in the world are experiencing a real economic recession. What this means, among other things, is that nations have to be careful about the ways and means their institutions, establishments and agencies spend money. A great deal of wisdom is to be exercised. Countries have to such priorities. And yes, medical care funds according to such priorities. And yes, medical care and education are all-important in any society. As for the U.S., what is happening right now to medical care and education is regretable. The budget cuts that are being implemented in

these two particular spheres are extremely crippling and harmful. In the realm of education, for instance, many programmes, scholarships and research grants are being cancelled. Several people are also losing their jobs, and the employment opportunities for many graduates, especially in the binmanities and the social sciences, no longer look promising. I, like many people, wish more money could be allocated to Medicare and education. One would in fact agree totally with slashing some funds from NASA's share and bestowing them on Medicare and education.

The point to emphasise is that the space station could be a peace venture for which many nations seem willing to cooperate. How many times have the U.S., Canada, Russia, Japan, and Europe worked together on a project of potential benefit to bumanity — we say "potential" because we bope the NASA officials and the other countires involved mean what they say about the anticipated benefits for the world? But even though we may not be entirely sure about the motives and intentions of the countries involved and about the ultimate success or failure of the space project, one thing we are bundred per cent sure about: International cooperation is much better than international friction and conflict. I believe that such a venture, because it is a peace venture and a happy precedent, ought to be taken seriously into account in cost-benefit deliberations and ought to be given full support. A great "benefit" (to use the language of the cost-benefit rhetoricians) is dervied from the mere fact that the world powers are working (or intend to) together; and a great "loss" is there when they work against each other.

The question one would like to pose here is: If there was to be a war between the U.S. and any of the powers listed above, would those who seem to champion the cause of Medicare and education give a damn about Medicare and education? Peace ventures deserve a chance, if not to redeem the 20th century a little before its demise, at least to bave a more promising 21st century.

France may be courting a natural disaster

SINCE 1975, all the nuclear tests carried out in the Polynesian atoll of Mururoa have been underground. Instead of being dissipated into the atmosphere, radioactive waste is now confined within the atoll, Mururoa's 138 underground explosions have produced 138 nuclearwaste "stockpiles" located at depths of between 500 and 1,100 metres. The interests in the stockpiles and 1,100 metres.

Is this enormous reservoir of radioactive waste self-contained and completely cut off from the outside environment? This is a question that was asked very early on. The government's response bas always been that underground nuclear tests pollute neither the sea nor the atmosphere.

When he announced his decision to resume testing in Polynesia, President Jacques Chirac adopted that point of view; the tests, he said, had "absolutely no ecological consequences." His optimism was based on several reports which concluded that the level of radioactivity in Mururoa was low.

Leaving aside the reservations that have been expressed about the reports conclusions, sometimes by their authors themselves, the question is: may we extrapolate those results, as the official experts are now doing, and conclude that there is no risk in the resumption of tests? Most certainly not.

The possibility that with time, or following further explosions, increased fracturing may open up the system and allow the gradual migration of radioactive elements into the sea or the atmosphere has frequently been evoked. It is a very real risk, but one which would not necessarily imply any major change in the morphology of the

On the other hand, the risk of a sudden opening up of the system in the course of a test, which would occur it a flank of the island sheared off into the sea. has received little attention. Yet recent data on the destablisation of volcanoes. particularly island volcanoes, shows that such a scenario needs to be taken into consideration. Like all Polynesian atolls. Mururoa is an extinct volcano which has been eroded down to sea level and then, under the effect of its own weight, has sunk below sea level at a slow enough rate (an avetage of millimetre a yeat) for the coral reef to offsel the process of sub-

mersion.

The reef varies in thickness, going down to a maximum depth of 450 metres.

The base of the volcano

The decision to continue nuclear testing at Mururoa could trigger forces beyond the French government's control, says Pierre Vincent

rests on the sea floor at a depth of 3,000 metres. Its sides are very steep: the top 1,000 metres have a mean slope of 40 per cent, while the 200 metres closest to the surface are almost vertical.

Because of the circulation of large masses of water, the materials that form an island volcano undergo a process of weathering which continues after it has ceased to be active. The intensity of that weathering increases with time and, as a result, the cohesion of the material decreases.

During the time the Mururoa volcano was active, parts of its flanks must have sheared off at least twice, as can be seen from dents in its northwestern and sonthern coastline. In the latter case, the section which sheared off was five kilometres wide and 2,000 metres deep - which gives some idea of the volumes involved. These observations' suggest very strongly that the Mururoa volcano has an internal structure which is conducive to des-

An abrupt destabilisation of a volcano was observed and understood for the first time when Mount St. Helens, in the United States, erupted on May 8, 1980. That day, three cubic line to the north flank of the volcano broke away and rushed downhill, like a huge rock avalanche, for a distance of 25 kilometres from the summit, leaving the volcano-

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decapitated.

Over the past 12 years, research into the problem, which is fundamental from a monitoring point of view, has shown that this is a normal and frequent phenomenon in the case of volcanoes that have reached a certain stage in their evolution.

The main factors conducive to the destablisation of a volcano, apart from the steepness of its sides, are first its fracturing, and secondly its weathering.

The fracturing of the upper part of the Murutoa volcano is chiefly the result of the 138 underground nuclear blasts to which it has been subjected. Each blast creates an explosion cavity, which is surrounded by a fracture zone roughly five times larger than the cavity, and from which a soaft of collapsed rock extends upwards for a distance of three to five times the cavity's diameter. Until 1988, all explosions

were conducted beneath the coral ring. Its small size meant that the detonation shafts had to be bored very close to each other. Except, possibly, in two cases, the explosions were of less than 150 kilotonnes, or the equivalent of 10 bombs of the kind dropped on Hiroshima. The total explosive force of underground blasts since 1975 is probably the equivalent of some 200 Hiroshima-type bombs.

It is fair to assume that the fractured or fissured zone around each cavity forms a sphere with a diameter of between 200 and 500 metres, depending on the force of the explosion, its depth and the type of rock involved. Such figures can only be approximate because they have been arrived at through a process of comparison with blasts conducted at sites of a different nature. The true

figures remain confidential.

It would seem inevitable that many of the networks of fractures surrounding the cavities are connected with each other, with the result that if one of them opened up to the outside environment there would also be a spill-out of radioactive elements from the others.

Even when there are no direct interconnections between them, the explosion cavities and their upward shafts of collapsed rock, which are close together in some sections of the coral ring, invite eomparison with the holes quarrymen drill and then fill with explosives in order to cause large chunks of rock to shear away. One could almost say that the upper part of the underground volcano is now "pre-

perforated."
That being the case, what now needs to be established is whether or not the energy generated by further blasts would be capable of destabilising a segment of the coral ring, or even a whole flank of the volcano, as already occurred when

the volcano was still active.

A basaltic volcanic erup-

tion of 100 kilotonnes would be a small one. But such a comparison is not significant insofar as we are talking about total energy, which in the case of a volcanic eruption consists of more than 95 per cent thermal energy.

In a nuclear explosion,

the proportion of mechahical energy is much higher. The blast exerts a degree of pressure on the sides of the cavity that has no equivalent in the natural world, except when giant meteorites hit the Earth (with an impact of 10 million or more atomspheres), and energy is released in a

The resulting shock wave vaproises or fuses the surrounding materials, then fractures them beyond the cavity and makes the sea seethe as it emerges from the volcanic structure. The earthquake that occurs in conjunction with the shock wave weakens that structure and may even cause surface damage in the case of larger blasts set off too close to the surface (which would seem to be the case with the 120-kilotonne blast of July 25, 1979). It seems certain that his mechanical energy is appreciably higher than any which the volcano could have experienced during its period of activity.

All the factors now known to be conducive to the destabilisation of volcanoes - major weathering and fracturing of materials, sent at Mururoa. In view of that fact, the shock wave produced by one of the planned new explosions, even if it were conducted beneath the lagoon, could be big enough to cause one or more in the large "preperforated" blocks to shear away. This situation, which has no parallel anywhere else, can only be described

as high-risk.

The immediate consequence of such a destabilisation would be a sudden spill-out of part of the radioactive "stockpile" into the sea and the formation of a tidal wave — or, more accurately speaking, a Isunani — which would threaten the lives of those living not only in Mururoa but in neighbouring archipelagoes.

It is unlikely that Mr. Chirac was informed about this alarming aspect of the problem before he took his decision.

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LETTERS

Faulty behaviour: whose fault?

To the Editor:

DR. ABDULLAH Al Khatib's complaint about this embassy and accusing the consular section of the faulty behaviour (Letter to the Editor, Jordan Times, July 31), needs some rectification in order to be more accusate. Since March 26, with the new Schengen-visa policy, the

Since March 26, with the new Schengen-visa policy, the embassy cannot any longer issue visas for three countries (Benelux) in the same day. Due to the required consultation among the Schengen countries a waiting time of three to fonr, weeks is indeed required. In certain cases for resident and sudent visas the delay might even be longer to in Dr. Khatib's case, a Benelux (V.T.I.) visa which is only, if granted in some exceptional or emergency cases, was requested and therefore an urgent consultation with onr.

It seemed that Dr. Khatib did not like the idea of waiting at least one day, since he destroyed his visa application and insulted our Jordanian employee. Nevertheless, his file was immediately introduced by fax to the Dutch embassy in

Damascus. We advi

presidency in Brussels complaining about the actual threefour weeks delay. We sincerely do hope that it might
contribute to the reduction of the waiting time. However,
be does not mention anything about the Schengen-visaadvantages: One formality, one single visa for seven
countries, one fee and a validity of up to one year.
Moreover, we want to add that all our visa documents are
translated into Arabic.

It seems Dr. Khatib has more time to spend writing letters and inspecting the premises of the embassy instead of concentrating on his own visa application. After all, we bave a reputation of being very helpful towards official institutions and individuals equally. We are sorry that we do not bave a bigger infrastructure at our disposal

do not bave a bigger infrastructure at our disposal.

We invite Dr. Khatib for a coffee and an inspection of our new premises, located 688/H Wari Boumedienne Street, as from the September "Sans Rancune" and Ahien wa Sahlan!

Royal Belgian Embassy,

TCC's puzzling policies.

To the Editor

AS MUCH as I agree with Jafar Salem's complaint about the need for telephone directory (Jordan Times, Ang. 1, 1995), I believe the bigger problem is the non-availability of telephone lines in Jordan. This issue puzzles me because:

Communication projects yield the highest returns in the world, and the fastest growing sector for the last decade.

Any expansion or addition of lines to the current system can be easily financed, and can give the TCC substantial returns.

Additional lines mean additional revenue, and hence greater profits for the TCC.

The lost opportunities and business encountered everyday due to the lack of telephone lines cannot be

accurately estimated, but I am sure the figure is in the bundreds of millions of dinars per year.

The average waiting period for a new telephone line in any modern country does not exceed 40.

any modern country does not exceed 48 hours, while in a Jordan I know people who have been waiting for eight years.

In today's world, every citizen, bas the right to basic services, such as water, sewage and electricity, and telephones have become one of those necessities.

The TCC is trying to privatise, yet it is not taking any steps to maximise its value by providing better service. On this note, I must emphasise the need for the TCC to privatise soon, otherwise its value will start diminishing. The reason is that the telecommunications industry is advancing very rapidly, and it is only a matter of time enable people to buy World Phones that can connect them by satellite from any point to any other point on the surface.

On a final note, I strongly object to the system wherehow this is discrimination against the poor. This is clearly unconstitutional.

Merwan M. Atella,



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SOCIETY ON THE MOVE

He must be doing something right

Although Aktham Qussous retired for the second, but final time, more than two weeks ago as director of the prime minister's affice, it was not until last week that his successar was named. Perhaps the strategy was to fill in the advisory and press office posts first, then move to the equally if not more demanding seat of office director. Demanding it must have been because Mr. Qussous, who tried to bow aut one time but was recalled to the post, was said to be "realty tired." Surely the strain of all that shuttling during the peace talks as chief negotiator Abdul Salam Majali's right hand person, followed immediately by duties at the Prime Ministry could take its tall on the most vigorous. Now in to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Qussous is Salim Kheir, whose experience as private secretary to former prime ministers Zeid Rifai, Mudar Badran and Taher Masri, and serving Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, should serve him well. The 41-year-old Mr. Kheir is an international relations graduate of the University of Colorado in the U.S. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after completing his studies and spent four years there before moving to the Prime Ministry. Of his new post he echoes Mr. Qussous: "It's hard work, but it is always interesting working for the prime minister." Of him, his colleagues say, "He's a very nice man to work with."

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Say cheese: Egyptian Ambassador Waji Hamdi was all smiles as he and Mrs. Hamdi received guests at their reception marking Egypt's national day last week. While the number of officials present was reported to be small, (unlike the large turnout for the Iraqi notional day gala a week earlier), the diplomatic corps made a good showing. In fact, one would be hard pressed to believe that the peace between Egypt and Israel was still cool considering that nearly all the staff of the Israeli embassy in Amman appeared at the Egyptian event. With few officials to photograph, and photographers "shying away" fram snapping at the Israeli diplomats, it was no wonder that Al Dustour nearly filled a quarter of a page on the affair with phatos of the paper's former editor-in-chief Mahmond Sharif, chief editar Dr. Nabil Sharif and his wife Manal Abu Eisheh Sharif.

A matter of protocol: Arriving from Tokyo Monday night was Japanese Ambassador-designate to Amman Takayuki Kimura, wha succeeds Ambassador Yuji Ikeda, now special ambassador to the Middle East peace process. As the new envoy awaits to present his credentials, embassy officials politely declined to release any information on him. But we learned that he was most recently director of the Japanese Cultural Centre in the U.K. With such a bockground, and the issuance of the Tokyo Declaration during His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's visit to Japan to attend Jordan Week, we may well witness the birth of a Japanese cultural centre in Amman during Mr. Kimura's tenure. In the meantime, Ahlan Wa Sahlan!

And the nominees are. The Beljing conference, officially known as the Fourth U.N. World Conference on Women, is just around the corner, and as part of the preparations the Pakistan parliament has organised a 3-day-conference for women parliamentarians from Muslim countries which is scheduled to conclude today. The Pakisiani embassy here explained that it had requested that the Jordunian Porllament nominate the women parliamentarians to attend the conference. The nominees submitted by parliament were Senators Leila Sharaf and Leilo Rashdan. Obviously the only other woman parliamentorian was Deputy Toujan Faisal, whose name apparently never came up. Mrs. study grants went to Mr. Mutasim Ghazawi, University of Sharaf, we were told, had a prior commitment. So, representing Jordan's women parliamentarians, although not an lected official, was Senator Rashdan, who left for Islam- Ph.D. in English literature at Pennsylvania State University; As fate would have it: When Tunision businessman



Newly-weds Jalal Ghayazeh and Eman Abuzeid

also expected to participate. The conference was to be inaugurated by Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and attended by the prime ministers of Turkey and Bangladesh, all leading women in their own right. On the ogenda for discussion were three major themes: Projection of Islam as a religion of equality, tolerance and non-discrimination; problems common to women in Muslim countries and their solutions; and effectiveness of women's role in economic devel-

Public exposure: If you have been spending months wondering just what those folks were up to. . . the cat is aut of the bag. The Jordanian-American Commission for Educational Exchange (JACEE), olso known as the Binational Fullbright Commission in Jurdan, has awarded 10 grants to Jordanian scholurs, students and professionals for the 1995-96 academic years following the results of the commission's annual competition for these prestigious awards. The commission scored nearly 100 per cent in evenly distributing the grants among women and men. And although the competition is open to public and private universities, research centres and nan-governmental organisations, clearly the public universities were the big winners. The reason is simple, says JACEE Executive Director Alain McNamara. "The candidates from the state universities were best able to meet the most rigid criteria -- it was a matter of the calibre of the nominations." The Fullbright research grants were awarded to Dr. Hasem Anabiawi of this University of Jordan, physical education, affiliated with Indiana University; -Dr. Mohammad Attalah, Yarmouk University, earth and environmental sciences, affiliated with New-Mexico Institute for Mining and Technology; Dr. Issam Mousa, Yarmouk University, journal-Ism, affiliated with Washington State University; and Dr. Abdel Rahlm Abu Sweilem, Muta University, English, affiliated with the University of Illinois. The Fullbright foreign Jordan, for a Ph.D. in pharmaceutics at Oregon State University; Ms. Susan Ramadan, Yarmouk University, for a

Muto University, for a Ph.D. in English at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (which is in fact the name of the institution and nat an error); Ms. Amneh Akour, University of Jordan, for a masters degree in electronic engineering at Iowa State University; and Mr. Bani Salameh, Yarmouk University, for a masters degree in political science at Clark Atlanta University. In addition, two non-degree, nine-month grants combining academic and professional study programmes in the U.S. for mid-level prafessionals from the private and public sectors were awarded to Ms. Nisreen Mazahreh, an economic analyst at the Ministry of Supply, to the University of Minnesota, and Mr. Arafot H. Fayoumi, assistant head of local credit facilities at the Central Bank of Jordan, to Boston University. "These scholars and students represent Jordan's hest and brightest," claims Mr. McNamara. "We congratulate them and wish them o successful and fruitful experience in the U.S.'

A good bedside manner: It is customary for some patients to give their surgeons and nurses tokens of appreciation for the care and attention these health professionals accord them, but placing an advertisement in a newspaper Introduces a new dimension, particularly when it is placed by former leader of a neighbouring country. Here for open heart surgery at the Arab Centre for Heart and Special Surgery was former Syrian Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Halaby. In an advertisement he placed in o local daily, Mr. Halaby thanked, in big bold letters, Dr. Daoud Hananja, director general of the large medical facility for his great efforts and for those of everyone else at the centre. Mr. Halaby said he was grateful also to Dr. Hananla for "his humane feelings which he voiced to me while I was recuperating." The founders of the centre always said they envisioned their health care establishment as a centre of professional excellence that would attract patients fram the entire region. Perhaps Mr. Halaby's advertisement is the pulse they

abad last week. A Palestinian women's delegation made up Ms. Maysoon Nahat, University of Jordan, for a Ph.D. in Jalal Ghayazeh came to Amman from his base in Dubai lookof Leila Khaled, Hind Husseini and Lusia Tawfiq Hijazi was archaeology at Arizona State University; Ms. Laila Omari, ing for some legal advice, linle did he know that the lawyer

he was advised to consult would one day be his bride. Last week Mr. Ghayazeh wed international commercial lawexperi Eman Abuzeid, daughter of the dean of all Jordanian information ministers, Salah Abuzeid, and Fomia Abuzeid. Growing up with a father who was Jordan's first minister af information, and later foreign minister, minister of taurism, adviser to His Majesty King Hussein, and twice umbassador. to London, Eman set aut an her awn professianal path. After obtaining her bochelors and masters degrees in law from Bristol University in the U.K., she established the legal affairs department at Royal Jordanian in 1990 and headed il until she resigned earlier this year to return to her private practice. Her husband Jalal, is the son of Tawfiq and Habiba Ghayazeh of Safakis. Tunisia, where the newlyweds are headed in a few days 10 take their vows again in a ceremony à la Tunisiene. The families celebrated the happy occasion in Amman with twa dinners for 200 relatives and close friends - one at the Abuzeid residence, the other in the garden of Romero's Restaurant. The cauple will reside in Dubai, but Eman's clients need not fear. She plans an maintaining her practice by shuttling between Animan and Dubai — as soon as the couple return fram their open-ended honeymoon,

Animal lovers unite: When J.T. columnist Waleed Sa'di returned this week from a vacation in Turkey, he found 34 letters in his "bax" in the newsroom, all of them mailed from Italy. The content of each one was nearly identical, save for the signatories and their addresses from all over the Italian republic. The leners read: "Dear Mr. Sa'di, Thank you for yaur article, "Animals have rights too," which appeared in the Jordan Times of March 20, 1995. We wish you'll go on in spreading such ideas in your country, we are all on your side. Yours truly." A few letters came from animal rights graups, some were written on recycled paper, and one bore the signatures of 12 Bolognese animal lovers. We were not able to determine who among the writers had actually seen the original J.T. calumn penned by Dr. Sa'di, but we were unphazed. It was just gratifying to see a group from anather country mabilised to do something that they believed strongby in and lend a word of support to o comrade-in-spirit across the Mediterranean

And tour operators beware: While some Italians care quite seriously about the treatment of animals, some local tour operators could nat care less about the humans who just happen to be their bread and butter. But justice is on the way becouse Minister of Tourism Abdul Ilah Khatib means business. When it was reported in the press last week that the ministry was urging all travel and tour agencies to make good on their promises to clients, what prompted that "urging" was a report on two local tour operators who were discovered to be guilty of some rather unscrupulous practices. According to Mr. Khatib one of thase ogencies, which he declined to name in the hope that it would mend its ways, orranged a bus trip to Turkey for a graup of Jordanian tourists. When the tourists arrived to the hotel designoted on their itinerary, they found they had na reservations and were "thrown out in the streets." After some manoeuvring, they were able to check into another hotel. But when it was rime for them to leave, the hotel refused to release the tourisis passports. All wrath fell on the agency which arranged the trip. The ministry sought out the perpetrators and forced them to compensate the victimised tourists for their hardship. Mr. Khatib said the ministry wants to make obsolutely clear that any such violations of ministry regulations will be met with the most severe penalties and fines, and, if need be, revocation of agency licenses. The minister was emphatic obout pratecting the rights of all tourists, and soid no fraudulent activity would be tolerated.

Jennifer Hamarneh

Cool summer of contempt

The Macmillan Years: The Emerging

By Richard Lamp John Murray 545pp £25

A British prime minister of international reputation resigns. Against the odds, the new prime minister, catapulted into Downing Street after a vicious leadership battle, manages to win reelection. He struggles' through a crisis over Britain's role in Europe, a series of rows with the American allies. economic slumps and sporadic party revolts, and heads for a new election against a rejavenated Labour Party as sleaze and ominous official inquiries pile upon him.

The parallels between John Major and Harold Macmillan were always intriguing, in spite of the legend of leisurely competence and unflappable vision Macmillan managed to concoct in his own memoirs and in the approved hiagraphy hy Alistair Horne. But the delvings by Richard Lamh into the cabinet papers, newly opened under the 30-year rule.

make the parallels compelling.

It is now plain, despite official denials, that Macmillan sought to interfere with the course of justice in the Profumo affair by trying to get the police to delay the arrest of Stephen Ward on charges of living off immoral earnings. Selling arms to Iraq may lack the spice of a Soviet naval attaché and a British minister for war sharing the favours of a tart. But the squalid evasions of the Macmillan and Major governments, faced with such scandals, have a great deal in common.

So do their foreign policies. Official legend has it that Anglo-American relations were tarely better than when Macmillan patched up the rows over Suez en. has the right of ge and electricity in the those necessities with President Eisenhower, his old wartime comrade-in-arms, then played the fatherly role to a grateful John Kennedy. The cuhinet papers belie the se, yet it is not taken providing better full the need for the full the need for the full the need for the ne claim. There were bitter disputes over U.S. insistence on being able to lire Pularis missiles almost as soon as they left the quayside at Holy Loch, whatever the British government might splutter about the need for London's consent. There were rows about the Middle East. Laos and U.S. threats to use nuclear

nes that can connect other point on the set he local TCCs for s weapons, against China. The supposed high summer of the special relationship was so cool that on the eve of the Cuhan missile crisis. . Macmillan doubted whether it meant anything at all, and sent the Foreign Office a

questionnaire, asking them to define it. It certainly did not include, as the FO tried to suggest, an automatic consultation in the event of a crisis. There was nothing "special" about the way Kennedy waited a full week after learning of the presence of Soviet missiles in Cuba hefore informing the British. By that time. American policy had been set.

The Americans had only contempt for the way Macmillan tried to use them for his electoral advantage. He brought Eisenhower to London on the eve of the 1959 election, and invited Kennedy to stay at his private country home, Birch Grove, in 1963. The Americans ignored Macmillan's grandiose agenda for world statesmen and insisted on talking only about British Guyana, where they feared a new Castro-like government might hring Marxism to the mainland.

As Kennedy arrived at Birch Grove, he carried a nate fram his ambassadar in London. David Bruce. warning that Macmillan's government was "mortally wounded" by the Pralumo affair.

Richard Lamb, who succeeded Macmillan as Conservative candidate for Stockton, does not agree. He maintains that, had Macmillan not heen panicked by a new doctor's over-gloomy prognosis of his prostate trouble, he would have secured reelection in 1964. In the archives. Lamb has uncarthed the plan of Macmillan and his Chancellor of the Exchequer. Reginald Maudling. Their scheme would have devalued the pound, sold off the dollar portfolio and imposed import cantrols to manufacture an election-winning hoom. It makes for a haunting "if" of history, not only whether it could have worked, but also whether the knowledge of the scheme might have freed Harold Wilson to devalue three years before being forced to in 1967.

Lamh has written an extraordinarily useful, hut rather irritating book. It is lopsided, devoting far too much attention to the fluiling attempts to avoid entering Europe hy devising a European Free Trade Area instead. By far the most interesting nugget. De

BOOK REVIEWS

Gaulle's apparent readiness to grant Britain EEC membership in return for nuclear secrets, gets too little attention. Another 60 pages rehash the very messy process of decolonisation in Africa. By contrast, the 1959 general election, economic policy and the two key Chancellors. Selwyn Lloyd and Maudling, get 40 pages all told.

This odd ordering of priorities comhines with a broad lack of analysis to produce archivism, rather than history. And Lumb's archivism is not wholly reliable. Overwhelmed by saurce material in the Public Record Office, he seems unaware of visid aspects of the Cuhan crisis: the presence of Soviet tactical nuclear weapons: and Kennedy's secret deal with Khrushchev to remove the U.S. missile hases in Turkey. Macmillan's memoirs say he would "never have consented". The Americans never bothered to tell him - The Guardian.

Martin Walker

A refugee's ordeal

Images of the Grey Departure By Youssef Jameel

This book is a semi-historical, semi-autobiographical account of the period that begins with the occupation of Palestine and the subsequent establishment of the state of Israel, and ends in 1992, the date of the book's publication.

Contained within the account's autabiographical sections, is the writer's description of his personal ordeal as a refugee, fleeing the atrocities of war in a historical tragedy which he was witness to. The style is transparent, emotional; not offset by a

rigid political science style of presentation. Here, facts are interwoven with personal eyewitness accounts, ranging from the loss of a country, to life at its borders in a refugee camp. The Egyptian revolution, the ascent of the Ba ath Party to power in both Syria and Iraq, the establishment of the PLO, the Arab summit conferences, the 1967 and 1973 wars. the Lebanese Civil War are some of the incidents scrutinsed by the writer.

The style may be termed "literary-political" for the writer paces through half a century of Arab political events coloured by his personalised view. He begins from his experiences as a 7-year-old in the Palestinian village of Kufr Kannah: "I remember the beginning," Jameel writes, "voices of bombs, showers of bullets, fear, horror encicling all."

The pictures the writer draws are gloomy, a hasty departure from the village: "I remember when I got tired my father carried me. adding thus an extra burden on him while mounting those heights and running away with the others through paths strickens with thorns and sharp rocky edges. I'm looking with fearful eyes at my father who was exhausted by his human burden and at my silent mather. I remember her with her tears and her children's embrace."

The camp he describes as "exposed to the sun: its glow whips us and thorns on the road eat into our feet and the winter pinches us. Home is a tent and in the tent I grew; the tent which got wide to the point of engulfing our exile and homelessness.'

The writer then goes on to describe contemporary historical events in the Arab World. He draws on an Arab reality marked by disunity before 1967, but to which dignity was restored by the 1968 Karameh Battle. The writer finally brings us into the present decade with the intifada, which, according to the writer, was the final incident that led Israel to follow the path of peace.

Published by Yarmouk University Press, it is Yousef Jameel's second book.

Muhammad D. Tahboub



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No more toys

By Jean-Claude Elias

Having been in the computer business for nearly twenty years now, I have preconceived ideas, full of scepticism towards new prodocts. Even if this attitude sadly reveals my age (and hopefully my experience), it has often helped me avoid unnecessary hardware purchases and wasting time testing poor

Until now notebooks — those amazing small sized, fully integrated computers — hadn't made it to my list of "professionally accepted" products. Though in the market since about 1988, portable computers were constantly well behind full size, desktop machines in terms of characteristics. In my opinion their small size and light weight were just not enough to cover their weaknesses, though I suspect that even the early models must have helped many a travelling businessman or salesman perform his job.

Before 1995, notebooks' major flaw was a poor quality screen display, monochrome for most. Rechargeable batteries, in the best case, would make them work for four to six short hours only. Even the processing power (processor speed, memory and disk capacity) were not really up to professional stan-dards. All this has changed now.

New models can proudly compete with their big desktop brothers. Displays with active colours much better than passive screens - will show you superb colours and super fine characters and graphics resolution. Even Pentium processors are now available in the magic A4 notebook format. Some models can be fitted with 16 or 32 MB (million characters)

TEST YOUR MEMORY

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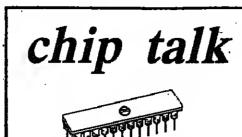
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★ A normal adult pulse rate is 70-72 beats per minute

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memory and 540 MB hard disks. More than enough to run any piece of software. Need a built-in fax-modem? No problem, it's been made so small that you won't even notice it's inside the notebook.

The biggest breakthrough bowever, the one that converted me, is the new type of batteries: they will keep you computing for 10 hours in a row before they need recharging. That's practically two days of work, or a very long one. Or a non-stop Amman-Singapore flight with the notebook on your laptop.

Convincing the most sceptical, the new types of bard disks that notebooks are equipped with can withstand higher levels of shocks and vibrations, making the machines truly heavy-duty and suitable for war reporters or other "hard field" situations. The very demanding can ask for a built-in pointer.

It's integrated in the keyboard and comes as a very handy replacement for a mouse. Unless one doesn't use Windows, a mouse or a similar pointing device is

Yesterday's toys bave graduated to professional machines and we've grown a little bit older.

The oddities of culture

By Samer Ghaleb Bagaeen

Personal safety, the freedom from risk and injury, and product design have lately become the targets of a worldwide campaign the declared aim of which is to improve the safety of all individuals, whether at home, at work or out on the streets.

Some of the main issues that are being targeted include the accessibility by children to harmful substances when left unsupervised in the home, hazardous materials and machinery in the workplace and the technologies used to test the safety features in the latest car designs.

But while it remains generally accepted that the first steps to be undertaken in any such campaign should be a bundle of surveys that would help identify which products and which packaging design are causing what kinds of accidents and which age group is more liable to suffer such accidents, several societies remain lagging behind where such statistics are concerned.

Certainly manufacturers, and industry as a whole, have got a duty to their customers to provide them with safe products. Any warning signs on such products should be easily understood and clearly

The latest crash tests for vehicles bave highlighted a certain design fault in some small cars of the hatchback category where the back seats could be pulled down to give more storage room in the trunk. The problem was that when beavy items were stored in the trunk, these times where generally thrown forward, through the back seats and into the passenger compartment placing the passengers in these seats in the very grave position where they were likely to be crushed under the weight of such itmes. And the problem? It seemed that the blame lay with the pins that held the back of the seats. All such car models where recalled and fitted with stiffer sup-

In the more developed societies, the fascination with safety has taken a twisted turn. Faith in the idea of being able to sue manufacturers for compensation has grown to such an extent that it has become a dangerous element. As companies fear that they will be sued over an unsafe product or an injury sustained as a result of a faulty design, the process of product improvement in a competitive market has become filled with risks.

In the medical field, doctors are being burdened by insurance against litigation and new medical technology is being assessed on its legal implications as well as on its possible benefits.

In such cultures where the fear of compensation bangs over just about anything, risks will not be taken because the potential cost is too high. And lawyers have a cunning talent for subverting sense when their fees are at stake.

Rather than accepting life as intrinsically dangerous, people are tending to assume that there is a right to safety which can be infinitely extended.

What remains really amusing about this whole condition is that the demands for safety within this culture of compensation have developed in parallel to another culture where risk and danger are just about everything. This is the culture where dangerous forms of entertainment are hip, e.g. bungeejumping, and where movies embrace the fantasy of destruction and violent triumph.

In real life, we demand safety. While at the same time, we demand danger from the realms of fantasy. We want to feel danger, but only from a distance.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Mohammad A. Shuqair

at rest for males, and 78-82 for females. This can increase to 200 or more during violent exercise or drop to as low as 12 in the extreme case of Dorothy Mae Stevens who recorded the lowest pulse ever taken by doctors when she was found in an alley in Chicago on Feb. 1. 1951. Her temperature (59 F)

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returned to normal after 12 hours.

★ The longest heart stoppage is a minimum of 3 hours 32 minutes in the case of Miss Jean Jawborne. 20, who was revived by a team of 26, using peritoneal dialysis. in Winnipeg Medical Centre. Manitoba. Canada. on Jan. 19, 1977.

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G. Stuart Keith of the American Museum of Natural History, shown below with a Fiji lory, has sighted more than 5.000 different species of birds.



LET'S CHAT IN ARABIC

- What sort of a man is he? Ayyo anwa ar'rijal howa?
- He's sociable and always optimistic. How ijtema'e wa da'iman mutafa'el.
- What kinds of drinks do you like? Ayyo anwa'ul mashrobat akthar tafdeelan indaka?
- Mango, strawberry and orange juices. Ass'ir al-mango, wal-farawla wal-burtuqal.
- What people did you meet yesterday? Ayyan'nas qabalta ams?
- The young and the old, the rich and the poor, the weak and the strong.
- As-sigbar wal-kibar, al-aghneya wal-fuqara, ad-du'afa
- Which way shall you go? Ayya tareek sawfa nas'lok?
- The shortest and the safest. At-tareek al-aqsar wal-aslam.
- What places have you visited lately?
- Ayyal amaakin zurtaha fil-fatral-akhira? - All the Asian and African capitals in the Middle
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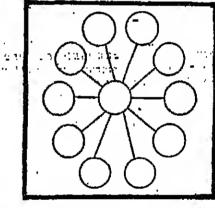
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BANK OF KNOWLEDGE

- 1. In horse riding, what is a "crupper"?
- 2. In boxing, what is a "south-paw"?
- 3. Pall mall is a London Street, but what was pall mall when it was not a street?
- 4. In angling, what is a "galf"?

PUZZLES

Can you arrange the numbers from I to 11 in the circles shown so that the total of the numbers along any straight line is the same as any other total?



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JTV CHANNEL 2 WEEKLY PREVIEW

Aug. 3

1:30 Iris-The Happy Pro-

1:40 Noddy

2:30 N.B.A.

4:00 I Witness Video

5:30 Varieties And Game Show --- Le Monde Est A

7:00 Le Journal

7:15 Magazine — Portrait D'Alain Cavalier

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E:30 The Album Show 9:15 Murder She Wrote

10:25 Movie — Miss American Beauty

Cloris Leachman

The story of a pretty and energetic young university student who enters the pageant to gain a scholarship and further her music studies.

12:00 Shogun

Aug. 4

1:00 Read-A-Alle Deed-A-Alle

1:30 Why I didn't Think Of That 2:00 White Fang

Starring: Ben Johnson & Michael London JR

The story of patriarch Ben Cartwright and his three sons all from diffe-

4:00 The Crystal Maze

Romeo

7:15 Magazine — E = M6

7:30 News Headlines

8:00 Coach

9:15 Wild Side

10:25 Movie — Switching

Staming: Bill Smitrovich & Kathleen York

The movie tells the passionate story of a boy who bas for a long time suffered from his parents' ill-relationship. He soon gets adopted by another family who treat him as a "son."

12:00 The Powers That

Saturday, Aug. 5

2:00 Back To The Future

2:50 Harry Ar. The Hendersons

3:00 Road To Avontes 4:00 Families

5:00 Spirou

5:30 Documentary -C'est Pas Sorcier

6:00 Place En Garde A

7:00 Le Journal

7:30 News Headlines 8:00 Major Dad

8:30 The Bold And The Beautiful

9:15 Drama — Dr. Quinn-Medicine Woman

10:20 Touch And Die Starring: Martin Sheen &

Veronique Jannot

10:00 News In English

The story of an American journalist in Rome who is assigned to cover the murders of three people. His investigations reveal a conspiracy by covert arms dealers to smuggle nuclear materials to Third World na-

Sunday, ' Aug. 6

2:00 The Flintstones 2:30 The Mighty Jungle

3:00 Pugwall's Summer 3:30 Movie Magic 4:00 Families

5:00 Spirou

7:00 Le Journal

zine De L'Extreme

7:30 News Headlines

7:35 Tomorrow's World 8:00 Nurses

8:30 The Bold And The Beautiful

9:15 Strathblair 11:30 The Hidden Room

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Tuesday, Aug. 8

4:00 Families

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7:00 Le Journal 7:15 Magazine - Faut Pas Rever

7:30 News Headlines 7:35 You Bet Your Life

8:00 Piglet Files 8:30 The Bold And The

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10:25 Death Of Apartheid

12:00 Keeping Un Appearances

Wednesday. Aug. 9

3:00 Tomorrow's World

4:00 Families 5:00 Spirou

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7:00 Le Journal

7:30 News Headlines 7:35 Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe

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Beautiful

10:00 News In English 10:25 Prism

Thursday,

2:00 Fireman Sam 2:15 My Secret Identity

3:00 Pirates Island 3:30 Take Your Pick

5:09 Spirou

7:30 News Headlines 7:35 National Geog-

10:00 News In English

Starring: Diane Lane &

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Friday,

1:15 Beethoven

2:30 Movie — Bonanza: The Return

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5:00 Spirou

5:30 Telefilm — Rhesus

7:00 Le Journal

7:35 African Skies

8:30 Jordan Today 10:00 News In English

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5:30 La Marche Du Sie-

7:15 Ushuaia: Le Maga-

10:00 News In English 10:25 Touch And Die

12:00 Grace Under Fire

Monday. Aug. 7

2:30 Hey Dad!

5:30 Telefilm --- Graziel-

7:15 French Varieties

8:00 McHale's Navy 8:30 The Bold And The

Mysteries - Murder

Starring: Charlton Heston & Hildegard Neil

2:00 Captain Planet 2:30 M.A.N.T.L.S. 3:00 The Road To Avon-

5:30 Magazine - Mon-

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Stars in trouble ease PR damage in different ways

By Bob Thomas The Associated Press

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LOS ANGELES - Hugh Grant finally has finished his rounds of the TV talk shows, having added a new wrinkle to the science of Hollywood spin control: career rescue by public expiation.

Arrested in flagrante with a sunset strip hooker, Grant faced significant damage to his squeakyclean image and new status as a big-money Hollywood player. But his televised confessionals, which coincided with promotion for his new movie, Nine Months, seem to have repaired much of the dam-

"It's a no-win situation," observes veteran film publicist Harry Clein. "The best you can hope for is to come out breathing, and Grant seems to have done that ... If he had hidden from something like this, it probably would have gotten much worse.

Longtime publicist Bruce Feldman agrees Grant used the right strategy

"He was able to put himself out in public, show that he had a good sense of humour and was somewhat humble," Feldman said. "He made himsetf accessible, so his interviewers weren't too hard on him,"

Feldman cited another effective use of mass media to quell a scandal, this one the mammoth cost overruns on Waterworld, a Universal Pictures release.

"Kevin Costner is out there with Letterman and all over the place, being friendly and cheerful," said Feldman. "People really like him, and he's showing himself to be very likeable. I think the pieture has turned a real corner as a result.

Meanwhile, actor Charlie Sheen is taking the hush-hush approach after getting caught with his pants down.

East week, the scion of the Sheen-Estevez family sweated through a videotape he made for a federal jury in the trial of Hollywood Madam Heidi Fleiss on charges of tax evasion and money laundering.

Sheen admitted that he had ordered Fleiss' call girls at least 27 times, running up a tab of more than

\$50,000. The 29-year-old actor through a spokesman apologisiong to "my family, my future wife, my close friends, for any embarrassment these incidents may have caused."

But that was it. Unlike Grant, there have been no shamefaced comments to Jay, no sorrowful afterthoughts with Dave. Apparently, Sheen's approach is to clam up.

Publicists generally feel Sheen has done the right thing. After all, how can he set in Leno's or Letterman's couch and chat about shelling out \$1,500 to \$3,000 for "heterosexual services," and once on Christmas Day, no less?

Sheen might take heart from the examples of past stars who became embroiled in scandals but whose careers survived nicely with little or no spin control:

- In 1935, Mary Astor was sued by her ex-husband for custody of their daughter on the grounds the actress was an unsuitable mother. The evidence was her diary, which purported to list her issued a statement affairs with famous Holly-

wood males. Miss Astor won the suit, and the diary was never revealed. Her career thrived for decades, highlighted by an Academy Award as Best Supporting Actress in 1941 for The Great Lie. - Errol Flynn af the

height of his career in 1942 was tried for stautory rape of two teenage girls on his yacht. He was acquitted, and he became a bigger star than ever. "In Like Flynn" became a national catch phrase.
— In 1948, Robert

Mitchum was arrested while smoking marijuana with a starlet in her apartment. The married actor served two months in the county slammer and emerged so much in demand that Howard Hughes bought his contract from David Selznick for \$200,000.

The rising star Carole Landis committed suicide in 1948, reportedly because her lover, Rex Harrison, would not leave his wife. Harrison left Hollywood soon after the tragedy, but returned years later to win an Oscar



British actor Hugh Grant is shown in a Los Angeles Police department booking photograph following his arrest

for My Fair Lady. - In 1958, Cheryl Crane stabbed to death mobster Johnny Stompanato in the bedroom of her mother, Lana Turner.

Turner, who had been trying to end a romance with Stompanato, continued as one of the highest-paid actresses in

At 78, Ernest Borgnine still an actor in

demand

By Lynn Elber The Associated Press

Charlie Sheen

LOS ANGELES - A Ernest Borgnine 50 years ago: Nothing but good things. A great future. Lots of money.

Relaxing in his sunny, spacious hilltop home, his away). Marty best-actor Oscar After an apprenticeship shelf, Borgnine seems a 1940s, a series of TV and testament to the sooth-

He is a robust, 78, still an actor in demand and Marty (1955). preparing to start work on a new NBC comedy. The Single Guy. Tova, his wife er's love for a homely of 22 years, is a cosmetics tycoon: "Believe me. quite a girl," Borgnine

And he has the freedom and energy to jump into his 40-foot (12-metre) bus. dubbed the Sunbum, and flit around the country from RV park to RV park, stopping happily to sign autographs and accept hellos from surprised truckers.

His indelible portrayal of the kind, lonely butcher in Marty and the likable navy captain in the TX series McHale's Navy overcame his early, villainous screen image.

That suits Borgnine. who revels in the real-life role of forthright, goodnatured American.

His hero is Abraham Lincoln. whom Borgnine calls "the only good politiscian, because he was for the people." The burly actor is a proud member of the Masons Fraternal Order and unabashedly

sentimental. "My mother told me if wu can make one person in the world happy every day, you've accomplished a great deal. Borgnine says. "I figure through my ; Arthur C. Carl tericus Univers work, if I make one person smile, that's what it's all about.

) Anything for TV. specifically, the 1962-66 comedy McHale's Navy, also brought the celebrity that Borgnine freely admits he relishes.

The Bold and f "I worked all my life to be recognised." he says. ; Heart Of Health "This is what's so foolish about people in my profession. They make a little O News In Englis name for themselves and they hide behind dark

"So ridiculous. Show That's what it's all about. that's what you're selling.

Borgnine began selling himself as a performer afpalm reader laid it all out ter a 10-year, stint in the for navy gunner's mate navy, which included World War II duty protecting the east coast from enemy invasion (his ship encountered one submarine, he says, but it got

> movie parts followed. His breakthrough role came in the unexpected vehicle of

> The small, poignant story of a humble butchwoman almost didn't get made, Borgnine says. Its producers, including Burt Lancaster, had intended the project as a tax write-

Borgnine also made a determined effort to avoid Marty typecasting. His next feature film was the musical, The Best Things In Life Are Free. He says he decided to veer from movies to television and McHale's Navy hecause he wanted the exposure.

His latest return to telcvision comes in a supporting role, as a lovable doorman who meddles in the life of The Single Guy star Jonathan Silverman. He was pressured into taking the job. Borgnine explains.

His agent, his wife and his secretary all chided him for being unemployed. "C'mon. vou can t just tinker around with your bus all the time. going here and there.

they told him. The Single Guy caught his eye. Given the odds of success in television. Borgnine figured he'd probably just make the

series' pilot and be done. But then NBC picked up the show for the fall and gave it a choice Thursday night spot between the hit comedies Friends and Seinfeld.

"I'm stuck with it. but I'm going to enjoy it." Borgnine says.

"I'm not carrying the show," he adds. "But believe me. my little five minutes in there will be fun, and that's what I want.

"Listen, for 13 weeks, I'm sure I can do it. If it goes longer, fine, I'll be the oldest actor extant in television.

Huge salaries still demonstrate star power By Bob Thomas

The Associated Press LOS ANGELES — What makes a movie star?

Billy Wilder once remarked that the camera had a "love affair" with stars like Greta Gurbo. Marlene Dietrich and Marilyn Monroe, all of whom he worked with.

The great English actress Ellen Terry defined star quality as "that little something extra," though she couldn't explain what that little something extra

was. "A star is someone who attracts your attention even when he or she isn't George Sidney, who received billing directed dozens of stars. In 1910, the aggressive Clark Gable and just nodding, but you couldn't help but notice him.

"Stars have a kind of inner magic that makes you want to look at them. Michelle Pfeiffer is like that. So were Lana Turner, Ava Gardner, Rita Hayworth. You can't take your eyes off them.

Whatever creates stars, two things can be certain: J. The movie business can't exist without them. 2. Stardom can be very. very lucrative.

To illustrate No. 2: Jim Carrey, a little-known comedian two years ago. recently signed a \$20 million contract for his fifth movie. Sylvester Stallone. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Bruce willis and Tom Hanks also can earn that

kind of money. The star system did not emerge immediately with the birth of movies a century ago. In the beginning, the actors were anonymous, and they remained so in the first decade of the 1900s. But the sudden

write letters to actors who intrigued them - the first fan mail.

In lieu of nanics, the letters were addressed to "the girl with the curls." "the waif," "the man with sad eyes," "the handsome Indian," etc.

Along with inventing techniques that helped make motion pictures an art form, D.W. Griffith contributed to the emergence of stars. Starting at biograph in 1908, the director collected a stock company of young players such as Lillian and Dorothy Gish, Mary Pickford. Mae Marsh and doing anything," suggests. Florence Lawrence. None

during MGM's golden Carl Laemmle plucked years. 'Spencer Tracy Florence Lawrence from could be standing behind biograph and introduced her to the public with a publicity stunt. A St. Louis newspaper had reported that Miss Lawrence, known as "the biograph girl." had been killed in a streetcar accident.

Laemmle in a tradepaperad denounced the report as a tie. He announced that the actress would appear at the opening of her new film in St. Louis. The event caused a

Thus, Laemmle introduced the first publicity stunt, the first personal appearance, and the star

The first superstar was Mary Pickford.

The winsome little girl with the long curls started at biograph in 1909 for \$40 a week. Seven years later. Adolph Zukor gave her \$10,000 a week, plus a \$350,000 bonus and her own company. In 1917, she moved to first national at \$350,000 per picture. and she made seven films that year.

Charlie Chaplin became popularity of movies the other great star of prompted the public to silent films. Starting in

Immortal lines

Ever since the advent of sound movies on the cinema scene, stars have uttered lines of dialogue that have become part of American folklore.

The real credit, of course, is due to the partly anonymous screen writers and novelists who wrote the lines. But the words are forever identified with the stars. A sampling:

Greta Garbo: "I vant to be atone" (Grand Hotel, 1932). - Mae West: "Why don't you come up and see me

sometime?" (She Done Him Wrong, 1933). - Clark Gable: "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a

damn" (Gone With The Wind, 1939). - Ronald Reagan: "Where's the rest of me?" (King's Row, 1941).

- Humphrey Bogart: "We'll always have Paris" (Casablanca, 1942).

- Bette Davis: Fasten your seat belts. It's going to be a bumpy night" (All About Eve. 1950). - Marion Brando: "I coulda had class I coulda been a contender" (On The Waterfront, 1954).

- Ryan O'Neal: "Love means never having to say

you're sorry" (Love Story, 1970). - Al Pacino: "My father made him an offer he

coutdn't refuse" (The Godfather, 1972). - Peter Finch: "I want you to get right up now and go to the window, open it and stick your head out and yell, 'I'm mad as bell, and I'm not going to take this

anymore" (Network, 1976). - Alec Guinness: "May the force be with you" (Star Wars, 1977).

- Tom Hanks: "Life is tike a box of chocolates" (Forrest Gump, 1994).

1913 with Mack Sennett. his little tramp captured audiences throughout the world. By 1918. he was studio contracts. being paid more than \$1 * * * million for eight two-reel comedies.

The formation of United Artists in 1919 hit the industry with the same impact of 1995's Dream Works SKG. The biggest stars of silent films -Pickford, Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks — and the biggest director, D.W. Griffith, joined to produce and distribute their

own films. United Arists marked the zenith of star power in silent films. The 1920s brought the consolidation of control in the hands of a few big studios, which captured the tempo of the

show their product. Stars remained important, but most of them were tied to

"You ain't heard nothin'

Al Jolson's prophetic words in the 1927 The Jazz Singer signalled the end of the silent era and the birth of a new generation of U.S. stars. Most of the silent actors were swept away by a new breed from Broadway and Vaudeville fast-talking, vital, ex-

James Cagney. Clark Gable. Spencer Tracv. Jean Harlow, Edward G. Robinson. Bette Davis. Ginger Rogers and others amassed theatre chains to 1930s. The major studios stars and featured-players. Through most of the '30s and '40s. nearly every star was under contract to studios. Only a few, such as Cary Grant, Irene Dunne, Charles Boyer and Ronald Colman successfully freelanced. The year 1948 marked

boasted large rosters of

the beginning of the end of the big-studio era. That was when television began to change the entertainment habits of Americans. It was also the year when the U.S. supreme court tuled that the major companies were guilty of monopolistic practices. The majors were ordered to divest themselves of the theatre chains that guaranteed a market for their product.

Contract lists gradually were whittled down. Such longtime stars as · Clark Gable, Joan Crawford, Tyrone Power, Robert Taylor and Bette Davis entered the free-lance market, and their careers eventually · faded. They were replaced by a new generation of actors: Montgomery Clift, Mar-Ion Brando, Marilyn Monroe. Paul Newman. Jane Fonda, Shirley MacLaine.

As the number of stars dwindled. talent agencies ascended in power.MCA's s Lew Wasserman negotiated a landmark deal for Jimmy Stewart: the star waived his big salary in exchange for 50 per cent of the profits from Universal Pictures. He earned millions. Cary Grant was able to make contracts that gave him ownership of his films.

Agency control continues in the 1990s. CAA. ICM and William Morris can make fahulous contracts for that select handful of stars who can "open" a movie — meaning they can ensure a big

first weekend gross. "The star system doesn't exist anymore." observes NBC's Jim

Brown, who has covered Hollywood for decades. "By that I mean the way that studios would nurture actors, building their careers until they reach star status. Today's actors better be stars when they get there. Otherwise, they may never get another chance.

There is no place for actors to fail in today's movie world. If they don't make it right away. they're in deep trouble."

Today's Hollywood producers are loath to take chances on newcomers, preferring to stick with stars who can "open." But those stars

are aging. Clint Eastwood is 65; Sean Connery. 64; Jack Nicholson, 58: Robert Redford. 57: Al Pacino. 55: Barbra Streisand. 53; Harrison Ford, 52; Robert De Niro, 5t; Bette Midler, 49; Goldie Hawn. Diana Keaton and Amold Schawrzenegger 48; Meryl Streep 46; Jessica Lange. Whoopi Goldberg and Jeff Bridges 45: Kevin Costner and Bruce Willis

Most of the above remain in demand.

But few new stars have come along to join them. The past decade has produced Julia Roberts. Denzel Washington, Michelle Pfeiffer, Mel Gibson and Tom Cruise, Eddie Murphy and Glenn Close. More recently, though,

only a handful have emerged, such as Keanu Reeves, Sharon Stone, Liam Neeson and Brad Unless the American studios can find and de-

velop new stars, they are

condemned to paying

ever-inflating salaries for

the current ones.

A perfume by any other name

Foliain Agence France Presse

PARIS - Floral notes or spicy tang, most top French perfumes these days are the work of white-coated laboratory technicians rather than a distillation by an in-house alchemist.

Angel from Thierry Mugler, the Tocade of Rochas and a Jean-Paul Gaultier for men soon to appear are all the concoctions of Quest International France, owned by the Anglo-Dutch con-

glomerate Unilever. Quest has eight perfum-

By Marie-Dominique ers busy doing experi-Follain ers busy doing experi-ments at Neuilly on the "There western outskirts of Paris, with production carried out at Meru just north of the capital.

A bare handful of legendary houses, including Chanel, Guerlain and Jean Patou, still have their clients do not wish us to own personal "noses" to conceive new fragrances

in perfumery turn for their potions to Quest. Givaudan Roure, I.F.F. or Firmenich, leaders in their field, with the first three posting annual turnover of \$1 billion.

But a shroud of mystery has long cloaked their

"There are taboos in

our job," admits Barbara Le Portz, head of Quest's fine perfumes division. When a brand name launches a new perfume. it is presumed it prepared the formula itself. Our come forward to get the credit.

The stakes are high and But the other big names the competition is fierce. About 160 new fragrances appear in French perfumeries and department store outlets each year. To be profitable, a perfume needs to survive three years. Only two are going to last a decade or more. Several companies at a

samples for a given project. At the end of a year, just two are left in the running, and the commissioning brand name leaves its final choice to the last moment. The latest perfume from Hermes went through more than 1,000 tests, and the Rochas Tocade required 500.

time are asked to submit

Ms. Le Portz said there was a certain financial logic to the current hectic pace of getting new perfumes onto the market, since only the houses which brought out novelties had succeeded in maintaining turnover and getting ahead. "But the

trade is spoiling its reputation in this race for turnover," she warned. A perfume ought not to

be just the sum of the concessions made to the latest fancies, Ms. Le Portz argued. Beyond that aspect, there was the history the perfume represented for the brand name. "Before being raw material, perfume is loaded with feelings," she said. "It is in fact an embodied sentiment,"

Modern perfumery hails back to the early years of the 20th century when the three main families were defined. First was the Guerlain's Mitsouko of

1916. Floral as in Chanel No. 5 followed in 1921, and the same year Guerlain established the oriented type with Shali-

Fifteen or 20 years ago, 250 ingredients were needed to make a perfume, nowadays some formulas contained only 30. Ms. Le Portz noted. She said the present fashion was for floral accents with freshness and softness.

"In a period of crisis. people go back to flowery harmonies, they are the most reassuring and are not laden with sexual con-Cyprus water version as in notations," Ms. Le Portz

By Arthur Spiegel

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'Suicide genes' eradicate brain, colon cancer in lab animals

By Paul Raeburn The Associated Press

BAR HARBOR, Maine Injections of viruses armed with "suicide genes" have eradicated brain tumors and colon cancer in lab animals, opening the way to an entirely new kind of cancer treatment, a researcher said.

Similar experiments have also corrected hemophilia in dogs, when the viruses were engineered to carry a gene to

biologist with the Howard remain to be overcome Hnghes Medical Institute and the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"The results were unbelievable," Dr. Woo said. "The tumor just went away. Every animal responded." He described the work at a meeting of geneticists at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Har-

Dr. Woo 'said he is "tremendously optimistic" about the new science of gene therapy. But he tempered his optimism repair the blood-clotting with a reminder that enordefect, said Savio Woo, a mous scientific obstacles

before the research leads to a safe, effective treatment.

"We need to be aware how technically challenging it is," he said. "There is also fundamental cell biology and immunology we need to learn."

In a new study, Dr. Woo clipped what he called a "suicide gene" from a herpes virus and injected it into tumors of mice with colon cancer. He also injected a virus carrying an immune-system stimulant to intensify the effect of the suicide gene.

making the cells susceptible to a drug called Ganciclovir, which is used to treat herpes. When the mice were given Ganciclovir, Dr. Woo saw "dramatic" death and regression in the tumors, he said.

Edward Birkenmeier, who is doing similar research on inherited diseases in mice at the Jackson Laboratory, said the future for gene therapy remains unclear.

"I think it's going to work, but it's not going to be that straightforward.

... The tumor cells Each disease is going to be absorbed the suicide gene. · different, " he said. "Which diseases will be

first, which will respond well, which may never respond well, isn't clear yet."

Dr. Birkenmeier said he believes cancer will be among the most difficult diseases to fight with gene therapy. Human trials of gene

therapy have begun in a handful of patients, but Dr. Woo said he is worried that those trials could lead the public to expect designed merely to test the safety of the new techniques, not to determine how effective they are, he said. Widespread use is likely to be years away.

In every case so far, the initial success m treatment of cancer or disease has proven to be incomplete or enormously complicated. With brain tumors, researchers have shown they can eradicate a single tumor, but they have no. way to hunt down and

may have spread.

Most of the research on gene therapy now revovles around the development of viral carriers that have been stripped of their harmful genes and packed with something intended to fight disease.

The two most promising carriers each have problems, however. One of them, made from a kind of virus called a retrovirus, isn't very efficient at delivering genes to the body. The other, made from

too much. The trials are destroy cancer cells that an adenovirus, is extremely efficient, but the suicide or corrective genes are gradually removed from the body, because the virus triggers the immune system to clear out the invaders.

> In the case of hemophihac dogs, the delivery of a corrective clotting gene with a retrovirus produced only partial correction. An adenovirus produced complete correction, but it was only temporary, Dr. Woo said.

S. African heart transplant pioneers think again

By Anton Ferreira Reuter

JOHANNESBURG — Heart transplants, once the pride of South African medicine, are now under fire as expensive luxuries in a debate over where the country's health priorities should lie.

Nearly 30 years after Chris Barnard performed the world's first transplant at Cape Town's Groote Schuur Hospital in 1967, another South African surgeon was threatened in July with dismissal for performing the operation.

Dr. Fanus Serfontein, working at a state hospital in Pretoria, broke a moratorium on organ transplants imposed in January hy the health authorities of Gauteng region around Pretoria and Johannes-

The authorities barred the operations as part of a policy to divert funds from expensive procedures and towards basic health care which would theoretically benefit a wider range of

people.
The black-led govern-

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all-race elections is seeking to shift the health spending priorities it inherited from previous white-minority govern-

"The new government has brought in a 180degree change in health care, giving access to peo-ple who never had it before," said Wim Booyse, a health care researcher with a leading phar-

maceutical group. He said that in 1992/93 the then white government spent 77 per cent of its health budget on hospitals, leaving very little for primary health care for the hlack rural poor.

"According to one study, the average frequency of visits by whites to hospital was eight times a year, while for hlacks it was 0.8 times," Mr. Booyse said.

The fundamental issue in the current debate is curative versus preventive care, and it is not simple. The important thing is to improve the nation's health as a whole."

Gauteng Deputy Director General of Health Eric ment elected in April last Buch has accused Dr. Seryean in South Africa's first fontein of trying to embar- a very important part of their talents elsewhere."

rass health authorities by performing transplants despite the embargo.

"His actions were narrow-minided and selfish," Mr. Buch said, adding that two heart transplants cost the equivalent of one year's running costs for a health centre serving 10,000 peo-

Mr. Buch said there was a shortage of at least 200 clinics in Gauteng where the biggest killers of children are diarrhoea and

рпештопіа. Ganteng Health Department head Ralph Mgijima said Dr. Serfontein appeared not to care that the province was short of money for health services for the poor.

"It certainly appears that his intentions are to create a de facto situation to force our hand to keep these procedures... and to continue with the historical underdevelopment of other institutions."

But Dr. Serfontein said transplants were as improtant as primary health care programmes such as mass immunisation of children:

"Primary health care is

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our work, just as important as tertiary care. The one is not more important than the other," he said.

"You see I am a doctor, I look patients in the eye and I must decide whether to operate or not," Dr. Serfontein said.

"If the parents are sitting there with their child, and they ask you to operate, and you have a donor, and you have the facilities, you have a record of good results, I don't think we actually can say no."

The Afrikaans newspaper Beeld said in an editorial the question was whether advanced treatment procedures existed in isolation.

"Medical science could probably show that techniques and medicines developed for these procedures eventually have much broader benefit," it

"South Africa has a moral responsibility to provide improved medical services to millions of underprivileged people... But it must also, maintain and encourge expertise, or the best doctors will take

Experts warn of threat to humans posed by reinvigorated diseases

The Associated Press WASHINGTON — The Spanish flu epidemic of 1918 amhushed the human race and left millions dead before it vanished. Scientists still don't know where it went, and say another outbreak could occur.

HIV appeared in the early 1980s, and the lethal disease may infect 40 million by the year 2000. Researchers haven't found a cure, or even a dependable treatment.

The Ebola virus appeared in Zaire and killed scores before quarantine and other measures brought it under control. Scientists are searching now for the origin of the killer disease.

Also in recent years, there have been outhreaks of dengue, yellow fever and cholera in the Caribbean and Sonth America; hantavirus and lyme disease in the United States; rift valley fever in Afreica; diphteria in Europe; and borbillivirus in Australia.

Disease is on the march, and the human race is not ready now to defend itself

against what is really an unending siege by pesetilence, say the experts.

A new report compiled by experts from 17 U.S. government agencies cal-led for intensified international surveillance of disease outbreaks, the organisation of a quick-strike system that would respond rapidly to outhreaks and assisting other countries to create a system to detect and treat infectious dis-

Such action, said the report, is a matter of U.S. security and international stability.

"Microbes don't respect international boundaries," Dr. James Hughes of the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said Tuesday, at briefing on the report. We really have a global crisis.

Dr. Hughes said that while new diseases, such as HIV, are emerging, old diseases such as tuberculosis, plague and cholera are returning to kill again. Many of the older diseases have become troublesome

again because they have

antibiotics or because of failed public health measures, such as poor sanitation in overcrowded cities.

Joshna Lederberg, a Nobel laureate from Rockefeller University, said that many experts were absolutely confident in the 1960s that medical science had solved forever the problem of infectious diseases

HIV, the virus that auses AIDS, has proven how wrong that view is, he

"Nobody would have predicted 10 years ago that we would be stuck today," still looking for an HIV, he said. "It is a very clever virus, indeed."

Dr. Lederberg said the Spanish flu epidemic killed about 20 million people, more than twice the number who died in World War I. And it could happen again.

Thère is a real question if our system could now keep pace if such a disease were to reappear," he said. "We'll be

developed resistance to through the next 30 years: without another pande-

Efforts to monitor outbreaks and to detect new diseases early are now inadequate because of cuts in the federal budget for general diseases, said Dr. Lederberg. He said maintaining the nation's and world's surveillance of disease threats is imporant to the security of the United States and of people. everywhere.

Dr. Michael Osterholm of the Minnesota Department of Health said that support in the federal and state health departments for monitoring disease effective treatment for outbreaks "is actually declining just at the time we have emerging diseases."

The U.S. Congress allocates millions for disease. surveillance, he said, but; except for 15 per cent, it is all directed toward AIDs, tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases. As a result, he said, a major, outbreak of some other; type disease, such as hanta ; or Ebola, could go unde- tected until it became a ? fortunate if we get major epidemic.

Scientists show that hormone controls weight of obese mice

The Associated Press

WASHINGTOIN — Daily injections of a special hormone turned fat mice into lean and healthy rodents, suggesting to researchers that obese humans may one day control their weight with simple shots or pills.

Dr. Jeffrey Friedman of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Rockefeller University said the research in three labs proves that a hormone he calls "Leptin" forces the body to burn excess fat, while having no apparent effect on lean tissue.

The protein resulted in almost a complete disappearance of body fat in these mice," Dr. Fried-man said Wednesday.

He said it is still not known, however, if the hormone is safe for longterm use and he emphasised that "exercise and dieting is still the only recommended way of weight control.

"There appeared to be no side effects to the hormone," said Dr. Friedman, "hut my instinct is to be cautious. We now have to prove that the hormone is safe."

Other genes related to weight control must be studied and considered before new therapy is possible, he said.

Three reports on Leptin hormone studies was published in Science, journal of the American Associaof Science.

health problem in the United States. It is related to heart disease, cancer and diabetes, and Americans spend an estimated \$30 billion a year to control body weight: Most techniques fail, experts say.

Greek word for "thin," is For normal mice in- tor for the hormone, a protein that is normally produced by a gene called OB. This gene, first cloned last year by Dr. Friedman's lab, plays a key role in the body's conper cent. trol of its own weight. Researchers found that a mouse with a flawed OB

velops diabetes and other fatal conditions. Such mice also lack the hormone Leptin. Scientists found that OB mice injected with shots of Leptin quickly be-

gene becomes grossly

obese and eventually de-

gan losing fat cells, ate less food, spent more time exercising and generally became healthier.
"It was very, very rapid," said Dr. Friedman. Within two weeks,

he said, most of the extremely fat mice reduced their body weight by about 30 per cent. And even normal mice experienced a steep loss of body fat, he

What is not known, he said, is if the long-term use of the hormone could be harmful. This will have to be tested in mice and other laboratory animals, said Dr. Friedman, before any human research could be conducted. But that may not take

Dr. Frank Collins, a researcher at Amgen, Inc., a California drug company that holds a licence from Rockefeller University for use of the OB-OB gene tion for the Advancement and its Leptin hormone, said human trials of Obesity is a major weight control compounds could begin in about a year if all of the preliminary lab studies go well.

In the Rockefeller study, researchers gave daily shots of Leptin to OB-defective mice, to normal mice and to mice The hormone Leptin, a with a gene defect that name derived from the makes them diabetic.

jected with the hormone, the weight loss was about 12 per cent and body fat levels fell to less than one

The diabetic mice, however, were not affected by the hormone shots. Dr. Friedman said this suggests that these mice lack a key cell recep-

meaning their bodies do: not benefit from Leptin.

Dr. Collins said his lab is planning to test the protein on monkeys whose conditions mimic human

"If laboratory workgoes well, we could be in the (experimental) clinic next year," he said.

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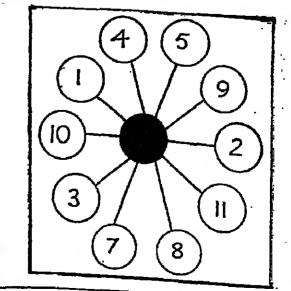
A boxer whose stance advances the right foot and the right arm.... which is opposite to that normally adopted.

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A harbed hook mounted on a handle, used for landing fish. In fresh water. mainly for salmon and pike. At sea. used for fish too heavy for the landing * * * * * *

PUZZLES

Arrange the Numbers



SOLUTIONS OF LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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ped atomic bombs on Japan to end history's

bloodiest war, the United

States is marking the

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most important victories

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> U.N. observers have also noted troop movements in the Serb-held Croatian region of eastern Slavonia, and exchanges of fire in the Strmica border region in southwest Croatia, where five tanks apparently belonging to Krajina Serbs have

The Geneva talks are billed as the last chance to prevent war reigniting in the former Yugoslav republie, and both sides have named their four-person delegations, with the Krajina Serh team flying out of Belgrade for Geneva Wednesday after-

Akashi said if the talks failed a new war would break out in Croatia which would be just as bloody as the one which left 10,000 dead in 1991 according to Croatian

In a separate development, Bosnian and Croatian Serb

Americans ask what was the price of victory States the world's .most powerful nation and effec-

tively prevent another world war, as many have argued, or did it - as many others have also argued usher io a half-century of fear, a maniacal arms race and a tradition of government by secrecy?

With an inrensity oot seen in years, many Americans are challenging President Harry Truman's "the buck stops here" decision to use the bomb, arguing that 50 years of denial and eover-op about Hiroshima must end.

And many others are fighting back.

Mr. Truman always maintained that the decision was his and his alone and that it was done for one reason only — to spare the hundreds of thousands of Amercican lives that would be lost in an invasion of the Japanese mainland where battles would be fought to the death in every street and dark alley.

But a series of television documentaries, magazine articles, public debatese and new books - like "Hiroshima in America" by Robert Jay Lifton and Greg Mitchell and "The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb" by Gar Alferovitz — are challenging each one of those assertions and are asking what use of that deadly weapon did to American society.

They say Japan was about to surrender, that the Russian entry into the war had, more than any bomb. spelled the end. They also say the bomb was dropped to impress the Russians and

to justify the secret spending of \$2 billion on making

"The bomb was dropped because it was in the bureaucratie pipeline to drop it. We had the bomb so we used it. No one expected it to win the war," says historian Gabriel Kolko, author of a "A Century of War."

For every attack there is counter-attack. The U.S. Post Office is forced to withdraw a stamp with a mushroom-shaped

cloud on it out of deference

for vanquished Japan.

The Smithsonian Museum in Washington is forced to censor an exhibit on the Enola Gaya, the plane that earried the bomb, out of deference for tens of thousands of outraged veterans who don't

want photographs of the victims at Hiroshima and Nagasaki exhibited. After the oulcry, the exhibit is just of pictures of the plane. No victims.

But while the victors agonise 50 years later for their atomie deed, the vanquished are criticised for refusing to apologise for its acts in the war. Japan issues regrets but no apolo-

The victory left the United States a political, military and economic superpower so strong that it be-came the world's dominant power and could wage and win almost five decades of cold war with the Sovier Union.

"Socially, politically, economically, militarily, culturally, racially, sexually, demographically, even mythologically, World War II was the crucible that forged modern America. veteran Washington Posl journalist Haynes Johnson wrote recently, adding:

"It was the transforming event that reshaped all who lived through it. Only the American revolution that created the new nation and the civil war that preserved the union rank with it in importance.

Out of the war came the nation's leaders for the next 50 years, out of it came a belief that appeasing an enemy doesn't work and out of that came other wares - Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf.

But says Pulitzer prize-winning historian Richard Rhodes, author of the just published "Dark Sun," a history of the making of the hudrogen bomb, out of

World War II also came a false sense of security.

'The immediate effect of the atomie bombing was that we threw down our tools and let our army go home. The \$90 billion defence budget in 1945 fell to under \$15 billion. We decided 10 rely on our nuclear arsenal rather than have millions of people under arms," be said.

But, he added, the Rus-sians stayed with millions of troops on he ground and "in 1949 they got the bomb and frightened us. Hysteria demanded that we then go nut and build a bigger and better and longer bomb, which we did and then they

The nuclear deterrent became a weapon many countries — big and small — hunger for and not

"Science taught the world a new fact about bow the world works: You can kill your enemy and he can kill you. In the Cuban missile crisis we came within

necessarily as a deterrent.

hours of startring a nuclear winter. We had 7,000 megatons of nuclear weapons in the air and the Russians had 23 megatons of the same weapon stationed in Cuba," says Mr. Greg Mitchell, co-author

of "Hirosbima in America," says the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki set a precedent for using the bomb, set the stage for the arms race and gave birth 10 an era in which people can numb themselves to anay atrocity.

It was a very expensive victory, he added.

Syria accuses Israel of playing games in peace talks

TRIPOLI (AP) — A top Syrian official Wednesday accused Israel of playing games in U.S.-sponsored peace negotiations between the two Middle East foes.

Syrian Defence Minister Li. Gen. Mustafa Tlass also charged that the Israelis were not serious about reaching peace with Syria.

He spoke to reporters in the town of Zgharta just east of the northern port city of

Mr. Tlass, who doubles as deputy prime minister, was iospecting Syrian troops based in northern Lebanon on the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Syrian army.

He was accompanied by senior Syrian army officers. Asked about the fate of the stalled Syrian-Israeli peace talks. Mr. Tlass said: "So far, the negoriations have not produced anything because the Israelis want negotiations for the sake of negotiations, while we want them to

achieve a specific goal, that is

Syrian-Israeli talks reached Gen. Hikmat Shehabi, baek to negotiations in Washington with bis Israeli counter-

a crisis point io mid-July after Damascus reportedly refused to send its chief of staff, Lt. part, Lt. Gen. Amnon Sha-

Syria accused Israel of refusing to deal with real issues and of trying to gain security privileges that would infringe Syriao sovereignty over the Golan Heights, which Israel captured in the 1967 Middle

Damaseus has also declared it will not aeeept Israeli early warning ground stations on the strategic Golan as part of a peace settlement. It insisted on balaneed and symmetrical security arrangements on the border with Israel.

Mr. Tlass said Syria will not accept under any circumstances Israeli early warning stations on the

Golan, maintaining that would amount to "spying."
"Even if one Israeli soldier stays on the Golan, we consider it as an infringement on our sovereignty," Mr. Tlass

He said Syria offered to accept monitoring of the borders through satellites and planes, but Israel insisted on

ground warning stations. The minister warned the Israclis that Syria will not bow to their "game play." "It's a fioger-biting game and President Hafez Assad,

who enjoys cool nerves unequalled by any Arab or international leader, is a master in this field," Mr. Tlass said. of Islam. Some warn it will bring

Benazir Bhutto urges Muslim women to unite spired me and encouraged

ISLAMABAD (AP) - A Muslim woman in the workforce faces a lonely existence. berated by conservatives who want her to stay at home. hidden behind a veil, while cynics wait for her to stumble

and fail.

That was Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's portrayal Wednesday of the life of a working woman in a traditional Muslim society.

She should know. As the first woman to lead a modern Muslim state, Ms. Bhutto has been branded a heretic by more than one Islamic eleric, abused and taunted by others who believe a woman in a powerful public job violates the tenets

God's curse on Pakistan, One Islamic cleric issued a fatwa, or edict, declaring Ms. Bhutto a non-Muslim after she said it was barbarie to cut off a hand or foot, the Islamic punishment for theft.

to said Islam preaches equality between the sexes.

In the West, the feminist movement has been helped by outspoken leaders, hoisterous demonstrations and public platforms, she said. But in Muslim countries, women have been silent and often isolated .

lim world a platform (to discuss) our common problems

talks like obscurantist groups," she said. "In a sense

She talked about her Bhutto.

Ms. Bhutto said, but her father was the one who in-

confidence to express my views ... when such a thing was unheard of in the Muslim World," she said when she opened the conference. Her father was overthrown

me, gave me the strength and

in bloodless coup in 1977 and hung by the dictator Gen. Mohammad Zia UL Haq in With a white scarf that fell

casually over her head in keeping with Islamie tradi-tion, Ms. Bhutto said she. hoped this conference would Galvanise Muslim women to demand changes in legislation and take on their cooservative opponents.

"I sincerely hope that this conference will consider the issue of establishing durable arrangements to make the role of women parliamentarians in Muslim countries most effective with practical solutions," she said.

King visits Qatar

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when we talk about Arab solidarity or work for having the minimum level of solidarity. Mr. Kabariti described the outcome of his visit to Saudi Arabia as good and expressed hope that the King would pay similar visits to other Arab countries. He said: "We can describe

our relations with Arab Golf countries as good. But we want them to be distinguisbed and special. Our relations with Saudi Arabia are now taking a form different from that of the past five years and we hope that we will soon be able to develop

these relations.' "Regarding Kuwait," he

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Israelis on Oct. 19, 1994, and

has been renewed at three-

Mr. Rabin told the com-

mittee the permit was needed

to end attacks on Israelis,

Israel Radio said. Six Israelis

were killed in the latest bus

bombing in Tel Aviv last

-The unexpected refusal to

rubber-stamp the permit re-

portedly came after Justice

Minister David Libai and

other dovish committee

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quoted by Tanjug news agen-

cy as writing in a letter to the eommander of U.N.

peacekeeping forces in for-mer Yugoslavia, French

General Bernard Janvier.

south of the Croatian capital

Zagreb, was attacked the day

also fired artillery at another

town, Olocac. A third town,

Perusic, remained on general

alert following what the

Croatian media ealled

"strong explosions" on Tues-

Gospie, 120 kilometres

U.N. warns

week.

month intervals since then.

Police drag settlers

said, "there are offorts, serious efforts, and cootinuous contacts between me and the Kuwaiti foreigo mioister. It might take some time, but we in Jordan keen to have relations between Arab countries distinguished and brotherly. The minister said the Mid-

dle East and North Africa Summit which will be bosted by Jordan in October, will provide businessmen and investors from various parts of the world along with counterparts from North Africa and the Mediterranean with a forum where they can conclude deals and study projects that might be launched to contribute to raising the living standards and growth rate," he said.

members raised concerns that

the measures were excessive,

ooting a Palestinian detaince

had died in custody in April.

An autopsy revealed that Abdul Samad Harizat, 29,

died after being violently

shaken by interrogators

acting in accordance with the

new permit's guidelines. In 1984, the Shin Bet was

criticised after two agents

were accused of covering up

the beating deaths of two Palestiniao bus hijaekers,

and agency head Avraham

leaders said Wednesday they

had reached a joint strategy

aimed at countering Croatian

attacks, which ootably re-

sulted in the fall of two Serb-

held towns in western Bosnia

Meanwhile, Bosnian Presi-

dent Alija Izetbegovic met with the leader of the Bos-

nian Croat community in the

war torn country Wednesday to discuss a military agree-

ment signed betweeo Croatia

An official Bosnian televi-

sion report said Mr. Izetbe-

govic and the Bosnian Croat

leader Kresimir Zubak mei in

Jablanica to discuss "the im-

plementation of the Split

This accord was signed July

22 in the Croatian port of

Split between Sarajevo and

Zagreb agreeing military

cooperation primarily to de-fend the government Bihae

enclave which came under

heavy attack from Serb forces

In Washington the United

States has cautioned Croatia

to exercise restraint in con-

ducting joint operations with

Bosnian government forces

in Bihac, warning of the dan-

gers of a wider Balkan war,

the White House said

briefed by his foreign policy

advisers on the talks between

U.S. officials and Croatian

government officials in Zag-

reb and Washington, White House spokesman Michael

President Bill Clinton was

and Bosnia last month.

on Friday.

agreement.

Croatia.

Wednesday.

"Without any economic development that can be felt by the peoples of this region, security and stability will be rendered meaningless," he added, expressing hope that the summit will be the start of real cooperation among all the countries of the world and those of the Middle East. -He said there will be Jordanian working papers and project proposals which will be

al one hosted by Jordan. The King was accompanied by Sheikh Hamad to the Guest Palace in Doha where he will stay during his visit. Later in the day, the Qatari Emir hosted a dinner in hon-

Shalom was forced to resign.

mission headed by Supreme

Court Justice Moshe Landau

severely chastised the Shin Bet in 1987 for more than 16

years of systematic perjury. But the Landau commission

also controversy by authoris-ing the so-called use of "mod-

erate physical pressure" against Palestinian detainees.

The current guidelines, whose specifics have never

A subsequent inquiry com-

presented at the summit not-

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our of His Majesty and the

accompanying delegation.

The King is accompanied on the visit by Their Royal Highnesses Prince Abdullah, Prince Hamzeh, Prince Hashem and Prince Talal, who is the King's military secretary. The King is also accompanied by Prime Minis-ter Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti and the King's advisor Hmeidi Al Fayez.

the King was Amman airport by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, who was sworn in as Regent, members of the Royal Family and senior offi-

further. A top security official told the AP the Shin Bet was "between a rock and a hard

"On one hand we would speaking on condition of anonymity.

been made public, go even McCurry said.

"We expressed our understanding about the joint efforts that have been underway to relieve the pressure on Bihae itself, and some of the efforts that - jointly they have been undertaking to deal with Serb aggression on the Bihac pocket in recent weeks," Mr. McCurry said. But U.S. officials also

"have urged that their forces exercise the utmost restraint, that they seek to minimise civilian casualties as they conduct their operations currently, that they respect the human rights of the civilian population, and ensure the safety of United Nations personnel in the area," he said. Peacekeepers withdraw from Zepa

like to see ourselves as a legal agency operating in a democratic state ... (but) we are under tremendous pressure from both the public and our superiors to prevent these attacks," said the official,

officials said Wednesday.

eompleted by Thursday morning at the latest and includes Ukrainian, Russian and British U.N. troops. area, was overrun by the Bosnian Serb two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, all U.N. the government area.

peacekeepers left in the fallen Zepa enclave in eastern Bosnia are to be pulled, U.N.

The order was issued following a direct request to the peacekeeping command in Sarajevo from Paris to withdraw 70 French U.N. soldiers who make up part of more than 200 peacekeepers in the enclave, U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivanko said. The withdrawal is to be

Zepa town, a U.N. safe More than 4,000 civilians, mainly women and ehildren, have been evacuated from

King Fahd reshuffles cabinet

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 kMinister of posts, tele-. graphs and telecommunications: Ali Ibn Talal Jahui - Minister of information:

Fuad Ibn Abdel Salam Ibn Mohammad Farsi (new). - Minister of municipal and rural affairs: Mohammad Ibn Ibrahim Jarallah (new). – Minister of education: Mohammad Al Rushid

- Minister of transport: Nasr Ibn Mohammad Al Sallum (new). - Minister of industry and

(new).

electricity: Hashem Ibn Abdallah Ibn Hashem Yamani (new). - Minister of labour and soeial affairs: Mussaed Ibn

Mohammad Al Sionani

- Ministers of state without portfolio: Mutlab Ibn Abdallah, Al Nafissa (new), Abdelaziz Ibn Ibrahim Al Manch (new), Mussaed Ibn Mohammad Al Aayban (new). Madani Ibn Abdel Kader Allaqi (new). Abdelaziz Ibn Abdallah Al Khuaiter (former education minister). Mohammad Ibn Aziz Al Sheikh (former minister of

municipal affairs).

Speaking to a small group of foreign journalists Wednesday to promote a meeting Wednesday of women lawmakers from 53 Muslim countries, Ms. Bhut-

Those Muslim countries that repress women do so not because of religion, she said. but because of archaie traditions and ultra orthodox groups who use ignorance to

This conference gives working women in the Mus-

it is very lonely facing these obscurantists on our own. "How do we combat those

groups that say a woman should not leave the four walls of her house? If she does, then they say she is responsible for any assault made upon her," said Ms. Bbutto. "How do we face prejudice and social taboos?"

As she spoke warmed to ber subject, porraying her-self as a spokeswoman for Muslim women and Pakistan "as a voice of moderation" in the Islamie World.

heroes - Margaret Thatcher and her father, Zulfikar Ali Ms. Thatcher she admired,

spired her to fly in the face of tradition to enter politics.

"It was my father who in-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lawmakers slam Clinton over nuclear plant

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A group of U.S. lawmakers accused President Bill Clioton of failing to speak out against Cuba's plans to finish building a Russiantechnology nuclear plant just 150 kilometres from U.S. shores. "A loud silence can be heard from the White House on this critical and important issue to the national security of the United States," said Florida Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, one of the Republicans testifying before a House subcommittee. Construction on the Juragua nuclear facility in the northern Cienfuegos province was balted in 1992 because of Cuba's casb crunch, but Russia has pledged \$30 million in aid to Cuba to help defray the costs. Ros-Lehtinen warned of "dangerous deficiencies in the plant's construction which could lead to a nuclear accident which will likely affect Central America, the Caribbean, the United States and, of course, Cuba." And Florida Representative Peter Peter Deutch warned that an accident at the plant would cause. "the largest environmental disaster io the history of the world." The Republicans lawmakers, whose party took control of Congress this year, argued that the only solution was to destroy the plant. The White House expressed its first real concerns about the plant two weeks ago wheo State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said: "We bave a lot of questions about the Juragua noclear power plant, about Russia's involvement and the assistance that Russia is giving this." The com-ments came after Russian officials said a consortium of companies from Russia, Brazil, Britain, Germany and Italy was willing 10 help finish the project.

China floods leave 60 dead, missing

BEIJING (R) — The worst floods in a century along northeastern China's Hunhe River have left more than 60 people dead on missing and hundreds of thousands homeless after rivers burst their banks, officials said Wednesday. More than 20,000 soldiers have been mobilised to rescue several thousand people trapped by flood waters around Liaoyang city in Liaoning province, an official of the Flood and Drought Control Headquarters in the provincial capital Sheoyang said by telephone. The air force has sent out more than 20 planes to drop food and medical supplier to villagers trapped by waters from the Hunhe River, which has burst its banks in many places, he said. Initial estimates showed more than 60 people were dead or missing along the rain swollen Hunbe River but a detailed breakdown was not yet available, he said. More than two million people bad been affected and several hundred thousands had been rescued and were now homeless after being trapped by flood waters, the official said. The floods in Liaoning province and neighbouring Jilin province to the north have swamped vast swatches of wheat fields in China's northern breadbasket, officials said. More than 1,000 factories bave been forced to close of cut production in the industrial cities of Shenyang, Fushun and Liaoyang along the Hunhe River and in Tieling, which lies on the nearby Liaohe, he said.

Islamic dress violence shocks Turkey

ANKARA (R) — A Turkish mother and daughter have been shot dead by male relatives for dressing immodestly in the latest violent row over Islamie dress code which has shoeked Turkey's secularists, the Milliyet daily said Wednesday. Emine Deniz, 40, and her daughter Hamide 22, were gunned down in the street in the Black Sea province of Samsun Monday by four male members of their family for "dressing revealingly," the paper said. Only last week an Islamist gunman in the sleepy northern town of Gumushane killed the head of legal association who refused to let female lawyers wear Islamie headscarves in court. The killer, who travelled hundreds of miles from his home to carry out the attack, has told police he had also planned to murder the rector of Istanbul University and two professors for banning female students from wearing headscarves. Secularist education authorities strongly disapprove of headscarves, but allow universities to ban them at their own discretion. Despite being 99 per cent Muslim, Turkey has been strictly secular since a series of westernising reforms in the 1920s. Many women, like stylish Prime

Minister Tansu Ciller, play important toles in public life. Skimpy clothing rarely causes a fuss in hig cities and boliday resorts in the summer. The head of a college nursing department in the central town of Sivas was suspended last month after a fight over Islamic dress broke out between nurses at a graduation ceremony. Classmates tried to rip off a white headscarf worn by top graduate Bebiye Aradeniz who interrupted the ceremony to protest at not being allowed 10 accept her diploma while wearing Islamic headgear. The department head has complained to prosecutors in the conservative town, scene of an Islamist arson attack which killed 37 people in 1993, saying be had received death threats from Isalmists.

Unlicensed Sudanese journalists risk jail

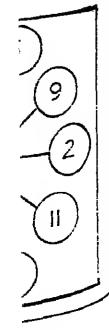
KHARTOUM (R) — Journalists in Sudan who are not licenced with the state-run Press Council risk being jailed and fined, a newspaper reported Wednesday. Al Fatih Al Seed of the journalist's committee, an affiliate of the government-appointed National Council for Press and Publication, warned tht unlicenced journalists face a one-month jail term and a fine of £500,000 Sudaoese (\$910), according to the private Akhbar Al Youm daily, Seed said committee members would pay unannounced visits to newspaper offices to find journalists who were working without the necessary certificate from the council, which was formed in 1993 and is supervised by President Omar Hassan Al Bashir. Since the council was established. it has been mandatory for local and foreign journalists to register with the journalist's committee, which has accredited 596 journalists so far. Journalists deemed experienced are usually accredited without delay but the committee insists that some journalists sit an exam to prove their

Bank robber fed up with waiting for pension

TEL AVIV (AFP) - An Israeli pensioner, tired of queueing at the bank for his monthly old age allowance, decided to try a holdup to speed up the service, police said Wednesday. This is a holdup, the 73-year-old yelled, rushing the counter at a central Tel Aviv bank on Tuesday. The teller sounded a hidden alarm button and police arrived swiftly. A police spokesman said the man made oo attempt to resist and was bandcuffed and led away. The while to robber, who was not named, received a stern talking to and was released several hours later. He was allowed to eollect his pension from the bank later in the

Father of 16 charged with rape, murder

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AFP) - A father of 16 ehildren has been eharged with raping and murdering a seven-year-old Emirati girl and dumping her body io a garbage bin, newspapers reported Wednesday. The prosecution immediately called for the death sentence against Khalid Al Moussagy, a 40-year-old Emirau man whn was arrested in Pakistan several weeks after the girl's body was discovered here on June 28, the Gulf News said. The man's Indian brother-in-law was charged as an accomplice. "I cannot think of a single reason why a man who has raped and killed a young girl should be shown any mercy," Attorney General Ibrahim Bu Melha said.o Moussagy, who has three wives and 16 children, confessed that on June 25 he abducted the young girl Amina outside her home, Bu Melha said. Moussagy, who ws intoxicated, drove her to a barn behind his house in the same neighbourhood and raped her twice, he said. A forensic medicine specialist said the girl died from a nervous breakdown caused by severe pain and bleeding but added that strangelation with the girl's scarf may hve been a secondary cause. Moussagy's brother-in-law Rahman Suleiman Khan was charged with helping Moussagy h ide the body by wrapping it in bags and newspapers and then putting it in a garbage bin, Bu Melha said. Khan, who lives in the same house as the chief suspect, was paid 100 dirhams (\$30) to keep silent, Bu Nelha said. The body was found three days later by a municipal worker.



Japan new currency steps yield sudden dollar rise

TOKYO (R) — Japan launched a new drive Wednesday to tackle the yen's rise by promoting the flow of Japanese capital abroad --and was quickly rewarded with a huge surge in the value of the dollar to a nearly fivemonth high.

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The surprise announcement of steps removing bar-riers to public and private Japanese institutions' overseas investment and loans, combined with Bank of Japan intervention, hoosted the dollar to 90,000 yen, its highest level since March 17.

Currency traders said they expected the dollar to go even higher in the shortterm, but some economists were cautious.

The measures included scrapping limits on insurers participation in syndicated loans and on their foreign currency loans to overseas

Also announced were steps to promote the flow of government funds abroad through such means as actively disbursing loans to help developing nations reform export-driven economies.

A senior finance ministry official said the moves would facilitate the outward flow of Japanese capital — a decline in which was a key factor behind the yen's surge in recent months.

"If we can bave a fair amount of export of capital, the exchange rate would change," Eisuke Sakakibara,

PARIS (AFP) - Short-term

interest rates in Britain may.

have to be raised further in

the coming year to achieve.

the government's current

medium-term inflation objec-

tive. the OECD said Tues-

But the Organisation for

Economic Cooperation and

Development (OECD) said

the British economy was "on

track for a 'soft landing'

beyond 1996" with continued

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In its annual review of eco-

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director-general of the minis- level of Japan's current try's International Finance Bureau, told reporters.

The yen's rise has threatened to tip Japan's stalled economy into recession. Tokyo's latest attempt to reverse it comes after an aggressive push last month failed to boost the dollar to its near-term target of 90 yen.

The fresb measures came just at the time when we don't have any economic stimulus on the monetary or fiscal side coming through, and secondly when... the very hullish dollar sentiment we saw a few weeks ago kind of waning," said Mineko Sasaki-Smitb, senior economist at Morgan Stanley.

"So this is a desperate attempt," she said. Currency dealers said the steps would belp boost the supply of yen and ease the chronie dollar surplus which has been a key reason for the dollar's weakness and the ven's strength.

Giant life insurer Nippon Life Insurance Co. welcomed the steps, saying they would help reverse the yen's rise.

Some economists, bowever, were cautious about the long-term impact and said it would take time to see whether Japanese institutions, many badly burnt by the bursting of Japan's 1980's asset bubble and by the yen's rise, were really prepared to substantially boost overseas

If not, the persistently high

OECD suggests need for early

new monetary policy

framework, and a still large

and low inflation suggested

that the British economy

"may have been made more

flexible competitive and less

The report said current

macro-economic restraint

should help showing GDP

growth over the next two

years to levels more in line

with potential output, esti-

mated by the OECD at around 2.5 per cent.

effective exchange rate down

hy 5.0 per cent since end-1994, and recovery quicken-

ing in Europe, exports should

reforms since the 1980s. a rates of 3.4 per cent in 1995 cent in 1996, the report said.

THE Daily Crossword by Glenton Petgrave

of sweeping micro-economie support projected growth

It said that with sterling's

inflation-prone," it said.

Balanced output growth

interest rate hike in U.K.

warns of falling account surplus, combined with low levels of outward capital flows might spell conproduction tinued yen strength, they

Iranian

parliament

TEHRAN (AFP) - The Ira-

nian parliament has voiced

concern at the country's low

level of production and urged

the central hank to ease res-

Deputies also warned in a

etter to President Ali Akbar

Hashemi Rafsanjani of the

"lack" of investment security

in Iran, saying the situation

could hamper efforts to

achieve economic prosperity.

More than 140 of the assembly's 270 deputies criti-

cised the central bank for

changing "regulations for im-ports and exports every day." notably the procedures for

opening letters of credit for

importers.
The government imposed

tough measures in May re-

quiring all foreign transac-

tions to go through the state

inking system at a fixed

eign exchange rate of 00 riyals to the dollar.

wo weeks earlier the green-

back had been trading at

more than double that fi-

gures. The regulations, which also

require traders to repatriate

all their foreign earnings, are

aimed at preventing the out-

flow of much needed hard

currency amid a financial cri-

trictions on industry.

"We got into the situation in the first place because Japanese investors were reluctant to purchase overseas assets," said Chris Calderwood, economist at Barclays de Zoete Wedo.

"Just tinkering at the margin of regulations... seems unlikely to cause a massive sea-change overnight in the attitude of Japanese investors towards foreign bonds," be

Some economists suggested the timing of the measures was prompted at least in part by concern in the United States that Japan's financial system woes might prompt Japanese investors to withdraw from U.S. financial

Japanese financial institutions are hurdened by problem loans totalling an estimated 50 trillion yen (\$561 billion), inherited from the bursting of the 1980s "bub-

ble" economy.

Mr. Sakakibara, however, denied any tink between the bad debt problem - which he said was on its way to being solved — and the latest ministry moves.

"If we felt the financial system was very fragile and about to collapse, we'd never announce steps like that," he

and 3.0 per cent in 1996.

against last year's 3.8 per

"With GDP growth still above potential, further in-

creases in interest rates in

1995 may be needed to assure

a soft landing." OECD economists observed.

But they projected short-

term rates to peak at 7.75 per

cent - one point up from the

current base rate - which would be "well below" levels

recorded in previous cycles.

been highlighted by an un-

usually rapid drop in unem-

ployment, downfrom a 1992

rate of 10.2 pr cent to 8.4 per cent this spring, and it is likely to fall further to 7.6 per

The current recovery has

Imports and exports have since virtually ground to a halt as merchants find it difficult to obtain foreign currencies or are unwilling to risk investment under the new regulations.

sis in Iran.

The situation has led to a sharp drop in non-oil exports, which Iran has promoted in recent years, as well as the import of raw material and spare parts, on which industry is heavily dependant.

wheat, possibly for August delivery, under the U.S. ex-The parliament decided last month to investigate the port enhancement programactivities of the central bank me (EEP), he said. over the past five years.

THE BETTER HALF,

U.S. study says aerospace jobs could be lost overseas

WASHINGTON (R) — Some 500,000 U.S. aircraft manufacturing jobs could be lost in the next two decades because of foreign competi-tion and "offsets" made to win access to overseas markets, a study issued Wednes-

day said. The study by the Economic Policy Institute, a research centre, also showed that U.S., plane-makers could lose \$129 billion in sales to foreign firms by 2013.

ft said that while the U.S. aerospace industry had suffered in the past several years because of cuts in military spending and an airline in-

Turkey

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customs duty

ANKARA (R) — Turkey

has abolished a customs duty

of \$20 per tonne on imported

wheat with immediate effect

to let private companies buy

cheaper wheat from abroad,

he official Gazette said

Wednesday.

It said the government decree would be valid for all

"The abolition of the duty

will bring an offset to dometic

demand-and-supply," Agri-

culture Minister Refaiddin

Sahin told reporters. It will

also prevent an upsurge in

wheat prices in Turkey, he

more imports by private com-

panies to meet domestic de-

mand from millers and pasta

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ministry official, who de-

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The TMO will import

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The study said some 500,000 jobs could be lost by 2013 because of foreign compention and offset policies in which U.S. firms agree to huild parts of their planes, overseas in return for financ-

ing help and future sales.
It recommended the United States negotiate a new civil aviation policy with the European Union to prohibit the hig U.S. plane-makers, Boeing Co. and McDonnell Douglas Co., and the European Airhus Industrie, from using the export of jobs and

technology as marketing

It said that while Boeing spent \$6 billion developing its new B-777, it had to share development and production with foreign partners because of U.S. antitrust restrictions and the reluctance of the U.S. government to ensure risk-taking in commercial development.

It said the government should help preserve the aerospace industry's longterm viability by coordinating federal policies in financing. export and trade and negotiate an international aviation fair trade agreement.

FAO: Some 23m Africans face food shortages

NAIROBI (R) — Drought, civil strife and insecurity are wreaking havoc on farming in suh-Saharan Africa where some 23 million people face food shortages, a U.N. report has said.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in a quarterly report said the shortages meant more food aid was needed but the global availability of food aid would decline 20 per cent from last

"Widespread drought bas seriously undermined production in southern Africa, while persistent civil strife and security problems in some countries continue to limit farming and distribution activities," said FAO head Jacques Diouf.

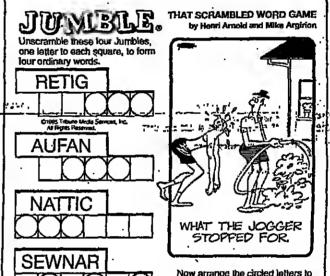
'Sub-Saharan Africa's food aid requirements (will) increase significantly in 1995/ 96, at a time when global aid is forecast to fall by more tban 20 per cent from last

year,". he added. The largest concentration of vulnerable population is in southern Africa where some 10 million will be affected, as well as nine million in eastern Africa, up to three million in west Africa and another million in central Africa, the report said.

Cereal ouput in 11 southern African nations is a third down from last year's harvest and 20 per cent helow normal, it added.

"Widespread drought in Angola and Mozamhique was compounded by massive displacement of farming families, landmines and shortages of seeds, fertilisers and tools," FAO said.

It said cereal output in the region, except for Malawi and Mozamhique, was below normal this year while Lesotho, Namihia, Botswana and South Africa experienced sharp reductions...



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FORECAST FOR THURS-DAY, AUGUST 3, 1995 %

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Find a better way of handling career duties and later today you can handle business matters very wisely.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You get some good ideas for becoming more successful today provided you steer clear of a newcomer.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Go to an expert for advice about business problems, and then you can handle them wisely for your prog-

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Yon and a partner may be at odds this morning, but later today you can reach a fine accord with him or ber.

LEO: (July 22 to Angust 21) Career activities may go slowly this morning, but don't get discouraged since later today all picks up and yon can accomplish a great

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You find it difficult to reach one you like and make plans, but later today something comes np and you can have a fine time. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You may not comprehend what is going on an at home, but bide your time and then you can profit from the situation.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Try not to fly off the handle with a bigwig today or you lose valuable support. Be very careful in the bandling of mechanical gadgets.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You do not understand a monetary matter well this morning, so give it more thought before you handle it.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You may feel very anxious without cause this morning, so go after your personal wishes with poise and gain them.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Don't worry about a situation you can do little about today. Concentrate on more practical affairs.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Early today plan wishes and then carry through in a most positive way and get right results.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, AU-

GUST 4, 1995

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrolo- # ? ger, Carroll Righter Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Get into practical affairs with higher-ups who are experts in fields you are most interested in. Get fine results during daytime.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) An emotional partner can give you fine ideas today for progress, so listen carefully, but don't approach a bigwig tonight for

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21)
You understand how to gain
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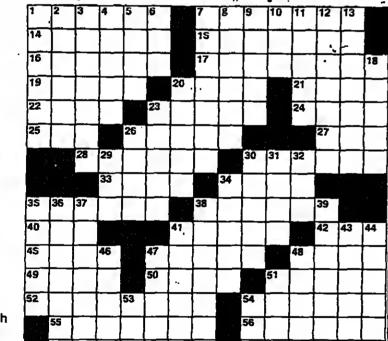
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AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Be more concerned with gaining personal wishes and make arrangements for such. Be positive and drive with care on the highway.

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** IF THE Kingdom is to

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Another one could be hav-

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It has succeeded in the past

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Air India eyes Gulf, Africa as competition usiness in Asian skies heats up

India, facing stiff competition in the Asian skies, plans to expand flights to the Gulf and Africa, airline officials have

Brijesh Kumar, the flagship carrier's managing director, said Air India planned to lease seven aircraft to step up service to Singapore and Hong Kong as well as expand operations to African

destinations and the Gulf. Air India, whose profits plunged last year when a plague scare drove away tourists, also plans to clinch a deal with the United States for the rights to pick up enroute passengers on air India flights to and from Chicago,

Mr. Kumar told reporters in Bombay, where the airline is headquarters, that seven overseas hidders have responded to Air India's global lender for the leasing of seven planes.

A committee is evaluating the bids and in all probability more flights would be introduced to the Gulf, Singapore, Hong Kong and Afria in October, the Air India managing director said.

The airline has stagnated

with no increase in capacity or increase in flights, and hence the need to take aircraft on lease to bridge the gap." he added.

Air India presently has just two flights a week to Singapore and Hong Kong and is

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NEW DELHI (AFP) - Air facing demand from husiness travellers for higher frequency and first-class facilities.

On the flying rights accord with the United States, the airline chief said an Air India delegation would leave for Washington next month to try and clinch the agreement. Air India wants to step up flights to Chicago with rights to pick up passengers in London or Amsterdam.

In return, Air India has offered United Airlines the right to operate flights to and from New Delhi, airline

Air India is planning to almost double its present fleet of 26 long-haul aircraft, but is hoping for a disaster-free year following the plague epidemic last September, which resulted in 22,000 can-

Net profits slipped to just \$3.3 million during the first mne months of fiscal 1994-95, wheih ended March 31, down from 70 million in 1993-94.

Mr. Kumar said Air India posted a profit of \$2 million in the first quarter of the current fiscal year compared with a loss of \$10 million during April-June last year.

It has also been facing stiffer competition. British Airways, KLM, Lufthansa and four Middle Eastern carriers have all stepped up flights to Asia and increased service to Air India's passengerrevenue bastion in the Gulf.

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Westinghouse to acquire CBS for \$5.4b

NEW YORK (AFP) - Westinghouse Electric agreed to acquire the CBS television network for \$5.4 billion, both companies announced Tuesday, just a day after the Walt Disney Co. said it was huying the rival ABC network.

"With the addition of CBS, Westinghouse is creating a premier broadcasting powernonse," Michael Jordan, chairman of the U.S. conglomerate told a news conference. "Our television and radio stations will reach more homes than any other broad-

CBS Chairman Laurence Tisch, who recently asserted his company was not for sale, said this deal would deliver terrific value for CBS share-

Westinghouse, better known for its nuclear power plants and refrigerated transportation, is offering \$81 a share for CBS. Additional payments could be made depending on the timing of the

The agreement, to create a new group ealled Westinghouse-CBS, must still be approved by shareholders and regulatory federal authorities either later this year or in early 1996.

The deal, approved by the board of directors of both companies, would create a broadcasting company reaching directly one-third of all U.S. households and could boost Westinghouse's sagging fortunes by increasing its market-share in a booming market.

Rumours of a Westinghouse bid had been rife for two weeks, but on Monday it was ABC that made the headlines when Walt Disney stunned the markets by announcing it was buying the network in the second most expensive merger ever — \$19

Mr. Jordan confirmed that Westinghouse, which recent-ly cut 7,000 jobs or 30 per cent of its payroll to reduce debt, has arranged a \$2 billion line of credit with two leading hanks. Chemical Bank and J.P. Morgan.

In exchange, the group, which still has about \$3 hillion worth of debts, bas agreed to sell between one and \$1.5 billion worth of

The company, with \$8.85 billion in sales and a net profit of \$77 million for 1994. suffered as nuclear energy fell out of favour and as a rescult of cutbacks in U.S. defence spending which affected its electronics divi-

"Our announcement today is, in many ways, a return to our roots, confirming that the future of Westinghouse will be built around our broadcasting and media husiness. Mr. Jordan said.

"It is the fastest growing, highest margin segment of our company, and offers our shareholders tremendous future value," he added.

Egyptian firms ask EU for \$20b to modernise open up similar opportunities

CAIRO (AFP) - Egyptian companies are seeking \$20 hillion in aid from the European Union (EU) to help them modernise and penetrate markets in the 15-nation bloc under a new accord, the industry ministry has said. Industry Minister Ibrahim Fawzi Abdul Wahed and the federation of Egyptian induswants to limit it to 12. tries have put together the bid as part of negotiations to renew a 1977 partnership agreement between the EU

The new agreement, which aims to set up a free trade zone as part of the EU's wider, plan to create a customs-free area throughout the Mediterraneen, is expected to be concluded in 1996.

and Cairo, the ministry said.

The EU, which has already access to its markets under the existing agreement, is hoping that a new accord will

for European firms in Egypt. Since the agrement was signed, however, Egypt has recorded an annual trade deficit of between \$1.3 billion and \$2.0 billion with the EU. Cairo wants a 15-year transition period before bringing in free trade, while the EU

Mohammad Hassasnei Al Bahnassi, the industry's spokesman, said: "Egyptian firms put the cost of mod-ernisation at \$20 billion to bring them up to European industrial levels and enable them to penetrate European

Some Egyptian factories, he said, were not even capable of producing for the local market. "The compeans to help them, just as they helped Turkey and Portugal," he said.

The group has a long his-tory of involvement with the broadcast industry, going back to the early 1920s when it was a partner in the Radio Corporation of America the predecessor of both the

NBC and ABC networks. Westinghouse has a television division of its own (Group W), but this consists mainly of local television outlets and represents one-tenth of the Westinghouse's annual turnover. With CBS this would increase to 30 per cent share and Mr. Jordan said his company intended to push further into the field, both at home and abroad, notably by

buying into cable networks. CBS earned \$280 million last year on revenues of \$3.7 billion, while the seven television stations it owns made tumble this year as its TV network dropped to third place in the primetime ratings and it lost several key station affiliates to the Fox network, set up in 1986 by media tycoon Rupert Murdoch.

Analysts suggested that news of the Disney deal bad put pressure on CBS and Westinghouse to rapidly

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Janet Evans loses 800m freestyle crown

G ASADENA (AP) — Janet (, Evans, invincible in the 800b treestyle since 1987, lost her to Erown to 15-year-old Brooke ្ត ឆ្នាំennett.

्र Bennett won her first national title at the Phillips 66 Championships in 8 minutes, 11.84 seconds — the fastest () sime in the world this year. Evans finished fourth in th 3:37.39, well off her world

" (ecord of 8:16.22 set in 1989. She held a narrow lead T -hrough the first 400 metres. n -efore Bennett took coma nand by two body lengths. floments later, Evans was Passed hy Trina Jackson 8:34.65) and Cristina Teusher (8:34.65), who finished econd and third, respective-

-Evans, 23, had not lost a najor title in the 800 in ight years, piling up 22 con-ecutive victories and a reord I2 national titles in the

"If I was a little younger, 'd be disappointed," she aid. "I ve been there, done hat. I'm going to move on. I lon't think age is a factor.' Her words belied the

juavering in her voice andthe ears in ber eyes. Eventually, vans regained control and aughed at the suggestion that he queen of long-distance wimming is dead. "Please don't say that," he begged. "I'm not going to

juit by any means. "A little girl came up to me and said. you still have a tuge fan club, don't worry. That's what I appreciated. our or five years ago, I vould have been, 'this is it." Her coacb, Mark Schubert,



suggested Evans was not in top form on the first day of the star-studded five-day meet, which determines the U.S. team for the Pan Pacific Championships 10 days from now in Atlanta.

"She went too fast in the first 200 and she knew she should have been," he said. "Janet's capable of going a lot faster and she will."

Bennett beat her idol for the second time this year. In May, Evans lost another of her dominaent events, the 400 free, to Bennett.

Four months ago, Bennett caused a stir during the Pan American Games by suggestng Evans feared her. "She knows there's some-

body there behind her.

There's somebody coming up to take her place," Bennett said in Argentina.

Evans was miffed at the comments and openly wondered why Bennett didn't show some respect.

But she was gracious in defeat, flashing a smile at Bennett and telling her "good job" after the race.

"It meant a lot. I'm sure there are hard feelings in there," Bennett said. "I said 'good job' to her.

Peter Wright of Delran. New Jersey, won the men's 800 in 8:06.27. Brian Younger of St. Louis was second in 8:07.63 and Jon Sakovich of Gainesville, Florida, third in 8:09.62.

Australian Open victory still buoys Pierce

CARLSBAD, California (AFP) — A second-round Wimbledon exit and a Fed Cup defeat may not seem the perfect preparation for an assault on the U.S. Open title, Mary Pierce's confidence remains undimmed.

Pierce, the world number three, said that even though she has not cashed in on the momentum from her Australian Open triumph in January by winning any more tournament titles, she is physically and mentally at home among the game's best players.

"It has been eight months that I've been ranked among the top players, and I think I've shown I can consistenly play with them," she said.

At Wimbledon, she fell in the second round to French Fed Cup teammate Nathalie Tauziat, but she said the three-set effort, in her first appearance at the All England Club, was a pleasant

So was France's down-tothe-wire defeat by the United States in the semi-finals of the Fed Cup.

Playing the Americans in North Carolina, the French split the four singles matches to take the rie to the deciding doubles.
"That's totally the opposite

to a blow in confidence," she says of the loss. "It's such a great experience. It's very rare that we can ply as a team, play for each other. I

felt we played really well.
"The whole team was disappointed because we came so close, and when you come close it's even harder. But we all tried really hard, and



Mary Pierce

there was a great team spir-

Now she is focused on the last Grand Slam of 1995, the U.S. Open and her appearance here at the \$430,000 WTA Tour event at the La Costa resort is part of the preparation.

"My goal is to peak at the U.S. Open," she said. "I'm training hard physically, I'm going to play here and at Toronto. They will be very important tournaments for me to prepare adn be match tough.

Pierce admitted to something of a let-down after the Australian Open, where she beat Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in straight sets in the final.

"After Australia, a lot of stuff happened really fast and I was trying to churn really hard and do a lot of things off sick," said Pierce, who battled a groin strain and kdney infection earlier this year. Now, she says, she is well and injury free.

She was also clearly happy and relaxed as she prepared to play a tournament she last entered two years ago when her highly-publicised conflict with her father was at its peak and she sought a court order keeping him away from her

"A lot has happened in the last two years in my life," said Pierce, 20, "I've been working with Nick (Bullitieri) and Sven (Groeneveld) and I feel there has been a tremendous improvement in my game.

'Also just in my life and being bappy. I think in two years you grow up and learn more things abouit life and court. I think that's wby I got

Rangers ready to renew quest for European glory

GLASGOW (R) — Glasgow Rangers have long prided themselves on being one of the giants of European soc-

Almost everything about the club entitles them to think so. Seven successive Scottish titles, their 51,000 capacity all-seater stadium, 18 international players from various countries on their playing staff.

The club has an annual income of more than £20 rid. Barcelona and AC million (\$32 million), boasts Milan. Chairman David Murray, a multi-millionaire in the steel match days and sells every and metals industry who rething in their club shop from their Rangers hrand of whisky, gin and vodka to Rangers tartan, aftershave and ladies

But there are no videos on sale of Rangers winning the European Champions' Cup, or any replicas of the European Champions' trophy on

Gallingly, across the city these are available in the club shop of arch-rivals Celtic, who won the European Cup in 1967 when they beat Inter-

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nationale 2-I in Lisbon. It is an achievement Celtic fans have taunted their great rivals with for nearly 30 years.

The European Cup is the one major prize to have eluded the men in blue and until they bave lifted that trophy, they will never exorcise the ghosts of Celtic's "Lisbon Lions." Nor will anyone outside the hlue half of Glasgow put them on a parwith the likes of Real Mad-

Chairman David Murray, a huilt his own life after losing both legs in a car crash in his twenties, has provided the funds for the re-huilding of Ihrox Stadium into one of the finest in Britain.

no-man's land rangers currently inhabit. They are too hig for Scotland, not eligible to take part in the Premier League in England and have still to prove themselves in Europe.

"We know that with the possible exception of Man-

biggest club in Britain," Mur- . Celtic. ray said. "We will soon have nearly 40,000 season ticket. holders and the funds we

generate are vast. "There are few clubs in the world as hig as Rangers. Our aim is to prove that ro everyone in the only way we can by winning the European Demand for tickets is so

next 25 years. More than 12,000 fans have already pledged their

cash and Murray says that if demand continues to grow, he will not resitate to increase the stadium's capacity to The passion and loyalty of the Ibrox fans is legendary and for more than a century

their "auld firm" rivalry with Celtic has fuelled their devotion and split the city in half. The protestants with their Union Jack British flags sup-

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For the best part of those 100 years that rivalry was largely internecine, but all that changed in the late 1980s when former manager Graeme Souness started signing English and overseas players. His successor Walter Smith

has continued that policy, great that fans are now calibre of Britain Laudrup paying a one-off contribution. from Denmark, Basile Boli Murray, a staunch advoor 3399 (\$637) mercry for the from France and Paul Gas Cata of a European League, right to their purchase their coigne from England via ita knows that for the club conseason tickets for each of the live with the conseason tickets for each of the live with the conseason tickets for each of the live with the conseason tickets for each of the live with the conseason tickets for each of the live with the conseason tickets for each of the live with the conseason tickets for each of the live with the conseason tickets for each of the live with the conseason tickets for each of the live with the conseason tickets for each of the live with the conseason tickets for each of the live with the live w hringing in players of the

The higgest signing of course was Gascoigne, who cost £4.3 million (\$6.87 million) from Lazio and whose own peroxide blond, cropped hairstyle has spawned hun-Glasgow's barbers a healthy boost to their earnings.

Because of the serious injuries he has suffered over the last four years, the signing of Gascoigne is a major gamble.

But Gascoigne, one of five close-season signings who

chester United, we are the with their Irish flags follow have cost the club £11.3 million (\$18.05 million), could be the key to unlocking the European treasures. These are bonyant optimis-

tic times at Ibrox, but the club has been in this position for the last two seasons. Big summer signings bave brought the promise of great achievement, only for Rangers to fail in their European

imperative they reach the lucrative Champions'

All they have to do to achieve that is to beat the Cypriot champions, part-nmers Anorthosis Famagusta, in a preliminary round tie next month.

Last weekend saw Rangers lift their first trophy of the season when they beat Romanian champions Steaua Bucharest 4-0 and Italians Sampdoria 2-0 in the Ibrox international tournament.

Steffi Graf's

father arrested

FRANKFURT, Germany

(AP) - The father of top-

ranked women's tennis

player Steffi Graf was

arrested at his home

Wednesday on suspicion of

tax evasion, state prosecu-

The arrest warrant was issued earlier in the week,

but was executed when authorities feared Peter Graf.

who is also his daughter's

manager, might flee Ger-

many to avoid prosecution,

Mannheim prosecutor's spokesman Peter Wecb-

sung said. He confirmed last month

that both miss Graf and her

57-year-old father were

targets of searches as part

Wechsung said police went to the Graf family

home in Bruehl south of

Mannheim to carry out the

The arrest warrant said

Mr. Graf did not file a tax

return for four years, and

when be did, on estimated

income of 35 million marks

(\$25 million), he paid only

one-fifth of that income in

an investigation.

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tors said.

Sanchez Vicario, Martinez survive tests

CARLSBAD (R) — Top-seeded : Spaniards Arantxa Sanchez vicario and Conchita Martinez each dropped a set in winning second-round matches on Tuesday at the \$430,000

Toshiba Tennis Classic.

Sanchez Béscario, the top seed, survived against Canadian Patricia Hy-Boulais 6-2 2-6.

6-2, and the second-seeded Martinez, the 1994 Wimbledon champion, struggled past Beate reinstadler of Austria 4-6 6-2 6-3 in a 2 hour, 5 minute haseline battle. "When I won the first set I was feeling very

good, said Sanchez Vicario, the world's second-ranked player. "But I started leaving the hall a little shorter and she started taking dvantage of that, and started attacking.

Sarichez Vicario, however, regained control and raced to a 5-1 lead in the decisive set before serving out the I hour, 46 minute match against the world's 69th-ranked player. "I started playing deep again and moving the ball mach better, and taking control," said

Sanchez Vicario, who has been runner-up to Steefi Graf here the last two years. Third seed Mary Pierce of France captured the first nine games before powering past American Erika De Lone 6-0 6-3 in 62

"I just felt great. Everything was working well." said Pierce, who yielded just eight points in the I8-minute first set. "I was expecting a little bit more of a battle." Three seeds were surprised on the hard

courts of the LA Costa Hotel and Spa. Sixth seed Natasha Zvereva of Belarus was flat after a three-week layoff and fell to Sandrine Testud of France 6-3 6-4. Tenth seed Amanda Coetzer of South Africa was bounced by Ai Sugiyama of Japan 7-5 6-0. American Sandra Cacic beat 14th seed Angelica Gavaldon of Mexico 6-3 6-3.

Zvereva, ranked 11th, shrugged off the

"I really don't expect anything," said Zvereva, "I just go out and play, If I win it's good, If I lose it's still OK."

Martinez had not played on hardcourts in five months and it showed. The Spaniardappeared frustrated throughout as her array of heavy topsin and sliced ground strokes -either exploded for winners or ended in sloppyl mistakes.

Despite the spotty effort, the third-ranked Martinez was happy to get the second-round match out of the way in her first meeting with Reinstadler, ranked 74th.

"It's nice when you finish the match and though you didn't play your best you won," said Martinez, who was one of 16 seeds to draw a first-round bye.

Martinez admitted the surface hampered her style.

"I was just not used to the court," she said. "I just changed from grass to clay to hard. It's very difficult, so you have to get used to it. It seemed to be really fast from where I've been coming from.

A slew of mistakes cost Martinez the first set, hut she got her game untracked to level the match.

"I thought I couldn't play worse in the first set, so I tried to play more aggressive in the second set and mix up the pace."

In the deciding set, Martinez jumped to a 5-1 lead. Reinstadler rallied to 5-3, but Martinez served out the match, watching reinstadler's backhand go long.
Reinstadler was dispointed after piling up

19 break point chances but converting only "It was unbelievable, I should never loise this." said Reinstadler "Maybe I wanted to do too much with these points because I knew

how important they were. Rosset wins, Medvedev loses to Kulti

PRAGUE (AP) - Top-seeded Marc Rosset of Switzerland defeated Czech Jaroslav Bulant 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 in Tuesday's first round at the \$365,000 Czech Open tennis tournament.

No. 2 seed Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine gave up, citing stomach problems after losing the first set against Sweden's Nicklas Kulti 5-7.

"Doctors say it is probably an infection from some food," Medvedev said after the match. "I was feeling worse and worse every mi-In other first-round-match-

es fourth-seeded Karol Kucera of Slovakia beat Russia's Andrei Cherkasov 6-3, 1-6, 6-1; sixth-seeded Slava Dosedel of the Czech Republic defeated France's Henri Laconte 6-1, 6-3; and No. 7 Javier Sanchez of Spain out-played Roland Agenor of Haiti 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Also, Alberto Portas defeated fellow Spaniard Marcos Aurelio Gorriz 6-2, 6-4; Karim Alami of Morocco beat Czech David Miketa 7-6 (7-2), 6-0, Bohdan Ulihrach of the Czech Republic beat Marco Meneschincheri of Italy 6-4, 6-I; Mariano Zahaleta of Argentina defeated Poland's Wojtek Kowalski 6-4. 1-6, 7-6 (7-3), and Czech Jiri Vane outplayed countryman Radomir Vasek 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. Uzbekistan's Oleg Ogor-odov beat Franco Davin of Argentina 6-3. 3-6. 6-3. Ogorodov substituted for third-seeded Czech karel Novacek, who withdrew from the tournament Tuesday morning after suffering a back injury.

Connors downs Borg in finals

In Dearborn, Michigan, Jimmy Connors rallied to beat Bjorn Borg 0-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the final of the Mentadent Champions.

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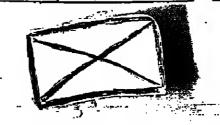
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LOS ANGELES (AFP) — Michael Stich beat Gianluca

Pozzi in straight sets to reach

the second-round of the In-

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- but he admitted his mind

was already on the U.S.

Stich, the second seed be-

hind Croanian Goran Iva-

nisevic, defeated Pozzi 6-4,

Jim Courier, the third seed,

beat Alejandro Hernandez of

Mexico 6-3, 6-2 and fifth-

seeded Swede Thomas En-

qvist beat Mauricio Hadad of

well," Stich said. "I'm just

trying to work real hard right

now to have my game ready

for the U.S Open. My main

goal is to be teady for the

fourth seed from the Nether-

lands, withdrew before his

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with a recurrence of the right

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to retire during the Canadian

Open in Montreal last week.

He had been hoping to challenge for a third nite

Richard Krajicek, the

"I think I played pretty

Colombia 6-1, 6-2.

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United cancels match in Cantona controversy

LONDON (AP) - Manchester United cancelled a scheduled practice match against lower division club Preston following controversy over banned striker Eric Cantona's appearance in a similar match last week.

Cantona was due to play in the match behind closed doots at United's training ground on Monday, despite his nine month ban from "all football activities" for attacking a crystal palace supporter

in January. Mauager Alex Fergusun phoned Preston Monday morning to cancel for feat of fueling further controversy.
The match last week against Rochdale was also held behind closed doors with no crowd. However, a London tabloid newspaper published pictures of Cantona playing, and the Football Association took hundteds of calls from the public questioning the status of his suspension.

"The game was behind locked doors and was a privare match, but when there were pictures in the paper, it became a public event," FA spokesman Mike Parry said. "We feel that Manchester

United probably have an explanation. The terms of the ban are quite clear and precise, we'd just like the matter clarified. We are not neat the stage of imposing any penal-

The FA has asked United to give it an explanation as to the conditions of the game. but Parry said that would probably not happen until next week as the team is currently on tour in Malaysia.

Under the terms of cantona's suspension, he is allowed to train with the club, but cannot represent it in any competitive matches.

whether friendly, cup or league. Players' union boss Got-

don Taylor said the FA should! not think of penalizing Cantona or United.

"We feel Eric has suffered very tough punishment aiready, and that any suspended player needs to keep lit," said Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association.

"We can understand his suspension applying to games where the public is admitted. but we feel that matches bebind closed doors should be acceptable."

Schumacher weds despite newspaper clamour

KERPEN, Germany (R) — World champion Michael Schumacher married Corinna Betsch on Tuesday Unly hours after delaying the civil wedding in disgust when German papers splashed his secret nuptial plans across

their front pages. Schumacher emerged from the registry office in Manheim and posed for photographers with his bride before heading off to celebrate.

Earlier, the Benetton driver had disappointed dozens of reporters and fans who had gathered outside the town hall in his neighbouring home town of Kerpen to catch a

glimpse of the couple.
"It was the young couple's wish to get married under completely normal circumstances and without media uproar," Kerpen Mayor Peter Mueller said. "The city has to respect this."

Schumacher thrilled his compatriots by becoming the first home driver to win the German Grand Prix on Sun-

A full church wedding was set for Saturday at the federal government's hilltop guest house overlooking the Rhine Valley near Bonn. Cologne's Catholic

Archbishop gave the couple special permission to wed at the chapel on the site, where dignitaries such as Bill Clinton, Mikhail Gorbachev and Queen Elizabeth have stayed while visiting Germany.

Fans will have trouble

catching a glimpse of their road leading to the complex will be scaled off.

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Effiong, Powell fail drugs tests

GOTHENBURG, Sweden (Agencies) - Nigeria's Daniel Effiong faces a fouryear ban for steroids and Jamaican Donovan Powell a three-month ban for stimulants after both sprinters failed drugs tests, the IAAF announced here Wednesday.

Effiong, 23, tested positive at the Nigerian cham-pionships in June to a steroidstimulant combination. methyltestosterone-cphedrine, IAAF general secretary Istvan Gyulai told a news conference

Ephedrine is a stimulant. the other is a steroid, so its four years," said Gyulai. Effiong, like Powell, has been suspended pending a

hearing.
In 1992, Effiong and four other Nigerian athletes failed dope tests on a samples provided shortly before the Barcelona Olympics.

The others were all suspended after their B sample confirmed the initial result, but Effiong was cleared after his second sample proved negative.

At the time, he was competing as Daniel Philip - the sprinters full name being Daniel Effiong Philip.
One of Africa's top

athtetes. Effiong came seventh in the 100m at the 1993 world championships in Stuttgart, but has not been entered for the championships which open here on Friday.

A student at Azusa Pacific University in California. Effiong won the 100m at the World University Games in. 1993 and was African champion in the same year. Last year, he set a Nigerian record over 200m.

Powell, 24, tested positive for the stimulant ephedrine at the Jamaican championships on June 23.

Two weeks ago, he came second behind Britain's world and Olympic champion Linford Christie in the 100m at the Bislett Games in Oslo.

Hattestad, Pipplg pull out

Trine Hattestad has pulled out of the world championships because of advanced pregnancy and will not defend ber world javelin

The Norwegian has hoped five months of pregnancy would not affect her performance, but she said she was unable to compete at her top form in such a condition "My belly is just too, big

she said. After the birth of her second child, set for December, Hattested will centre on next year's Olympics in

Germany's Uta Pippig, a leading marathon runner who was entered for the women 10,000 metres here, pulled out because of an injury.

Gunnell out too

Britain's Sally Gunnell has been forced out of the world championships altogether, after injuries dashed her last hopes of running the 4x400m

Gunnell had already abandoned her defence of the 400m hurdles she won in Stuttgart two years ago, but was still hoping to make the relay squad on the flat.

Tony Ward said Wednesday the Olympic champion, who has missed the entire outdoor Grand Prix season through injuries, had still not fully

However, team spokesman

recovered. "Its a disappointment, Ward said. "She's had a bad

IAAF ratifies 3 world records

The governing body of track and field Tuesday ratified two world records by Algeria's Noureddine Morceli and a third by fellow middle-distance runner Moses Kiptanui of Kenya. Morceli now holds all of

the world records between 1,500 and 3,000 metres. Morceli's 1,500 time of 3 minutes 27.37 seconds was run July t2 in Nice, erasing his former world mark of 3:28.86. The 2,000-metre record of 4:47.88 came July 3 in Paris, surpassing the former standard of 4:50.81 held by

Said Aouita of Morocco. Kiptanui's record of 12:55.30 for 5,000 metres was run June 8 in Rome, surpassing the previous mark of 12:56.96 by Haile Gebrselas-sie of Ethiopia.

Nebiolo re-elected as IAAF chief

Primo Nebiolo was given a fifth mandate as president of the ruling International Amateur Athletic Federation by the IAAF Congress meeting here on Wednesday.

The election was, in fact, a formality as the 72-year-old Italian was standing undelegates, 135 had already written a letter of support for his' candidacy.

Nebiolo, who took over from Dutchman Adrien Paulen in 1981, has transformed the sports ruling body, successfully attracting sponsors and lucrative television rights. The t992-96

budget is 120 million dollars. The world championships which officially open on Friday are the fifth to be held since 1983, and they now rank third, behind football's World Cup and the Olympic Games, for global TV audi-

The two-day Congress will also re-elect members to an expanded 27-strong IAAF Council, and discuss a variety of issues ranging from drugs, funding and administration.

Christie grandfather at 35.

Spring champion Linford Christie has become a highspeed grandfather, according to a report in the Sun newspaper here on Wednesday.

The paper said the Olympic gold medallist, who holds the world 100 metres title, became a grandfather at the age of 35 after his 16-year-old son became the father of a baby girl, Shakira River, three weeks ago.

School-leaver Merrick Osborne still lives in south London with his mother Judith Osborne, a reenage sweetheart of Christie's. The relationship broke up when Merrick was much younger. Merrick has been going out

with the baby's mother Georgina Mackenzie, 17, for two opposed. Of the 188 voting years, the paper said,

Foyt plans racing comeback to 60

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A.J. Foyt has the itch to race again at 60 years old.

The man who retired from driving with a tearful farewell and a slow lap around the oval at Indianapolis motor speedway in 1991 can't seem

to get it out of his system.
"t'il tell you. I just want to start racing a little bit more, get back in shape, take off about 20 pounds (nine kilomgrammes)," he said. "It's something I enjoy, and what's life all about if you can't have fun? this (retirement) deal hasn't been much

fun for A.J. Foyt. Foyt was the first of three drivers to win four Indianapolis 500s. His tesume also includes 63 other Indy-car wins, seven Nascar triumphs, including the 1972 Daytona 500, and two wins in the Daytona 24-hour sports car

He came out of retitement a year ago to run in the inauguaral brickyard 400 and was the slowest of the 40 qualifiers in the 43-car field

that included three provisional starters based on series points. His car ran out of gasoline early while running near the lead and Foyt wound up 30th, four laps behind but running at the end of the 400-mile race.

On Tuesday, Foyt confirmed he will try again in this Saturday's Winston Cup race at the speedway, and that may be only the beginning.

"I'm looking forward to this," Foyt said. "As this race got closer and closer, I got itchier and itchier. I just think when I stepped down out of Indy cars, I stepped down a little early, and I still want to race. If I didn't think could do anything. I wouldn't be here.

So, the man who started a record 35 consecutive Indianapolis 500s and has always been a fan favourite at the speedway, will be in a Motorola-sponsored Ford Thunderbird when practice

Foyt said he might run some more races this year

because the Indy-car season ends in September.

Foyt, now a full-time Indy-

car team owner, is also considering getting back into an open-wheel car to run in the new Indy racing leaue.

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who moved back into the top

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when he reached the semi-

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Rafter, who lost to Stich in

the second round in Montreal

last week, failed to convert a

match point when serving at

5-3 in the second, then lost

four games in a row to let the

match go to a third set.
"I had my chances to close
it out in the second set and I
didn't do it." he said. Rafter

admitted it was hard to get

back on track after a momen-

turn swing of that magnitude.
"Mentally it's very diffi-

cult," he said, adding that he was trying to school himself

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Former world number-one weeks 'ago, survived a

HENDERSON, Kentucky (AP) — Fire quickly engulfed thoroughbred barn early Monday at Ellis Park, killing as many as 25 expensive race horses. One stable groom trying to free horses from the flames was slightly burned.

The cause of the fire was unknown. Arson investigators were at the site. Tejano Run, who finished second at this year's Kenr Vasek 5-1. 1-5. 6-1 tucky Derby and who was moved Friday to Ellis Park eat Franco Davin of for turf training, was stabled

The track, which houses about 1,000 thorough breds in more than 30 stables, cancelled racing for Tuesday. Ellis Park, whose meet ends

in another barn at the track

and was not among those

labour day, normally is closed Mondays.

When fitefighters arrived just before dawn, the 30-stall barn north of the grandstands. was burning so intensely that flames were visible (five kilometres) away, said Maury Nichols, a firefighter.

Thoroughbreds that had been released from the burning barn No. 10 and adjoining barns ran loose across the property. Two horses bolted were caught at a truckers' weigh station.

"They were running all over the park," said firefighter James Banks, the onscene commander. "You get a scene like this, they just go

At least one horse that was led out of his burning stall ran back inside out of fright and hurned to death, firefighters and a track spokesman said.

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Connors, officially retired

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a wild-card entry and was to

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hoped to continue peppering his schedule with ATP Tour

events, he said the best-of-

five set format of the Grand

slam tournaments made the

U.S. Open less attractive to

him at the age of 41.

While Connors said he

on Tuesday night.

could pull it out."

on August 28.

Соплоть.

Stable groom John Wells saw the barn burning and ran inside to free the horses. He suffered second-degree burns to his shoulder, said Richard Schnaars, vice president and general manager for Ellis

Wells was treated at a local hospital, then returned to the

Track officials still had not compiled a complete list of horses killed hours after the fire was extinguished. Schnaars put the number of dead at 22 to 25 horses, including two that were destroyed due to injuries.

North claimed a dollar. South pleaded that this was a case of sin-ple bad luck—a diamond at trick two would have landed the contract, but how could anyone know which rad one Fast held?

That's true enough—but the con-Iracl is laydown as the cards lie. All declarer has to do is hold up on the

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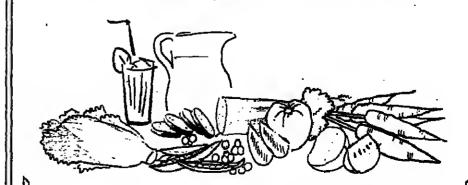
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which accounts for the one diamond opening bid. East seized the oppurtunity to overcall one spade. South's one my trump cannot be faulted and North jumped to game, since the queen of spades was now known to some value, even if only to

bulster partner's stupper. West led the king of spades, taken

by the ace. The ten of hearts toot to West's ace and the remaining spade stopper was removed. Since declarer could not come to nine tricks with-out at least one diamond, East grabbed the first lead of the soil and cashed four spade tricks for a two-trick set.

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Australia to keep up protests against French nuclear tests despite Paris snub

CANBERRA (Agencies) — Australia on Wednesday vowed to continue protests against French nuclear testing in the South Pacific as the row with Paris escalated with the French envoy leaving the country and state governments attacking French in-

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'We'll keep it up. We don't like their capricious decision to continue to detonate nuclear weapons," Austra-lian Prime Minister Paul Keating told reporters in the remote Queensland town of

Amhassador Dominique Girard returned to Paris in protest at Australia's decision to ban a French defence contractor hidding for a jet con-

Mr. Girard said it was a shame that a previously good relationship had soured. "We consider that the way in which we have been treated was not in line with that policy (of good relations),"

Mr. Girard told reporters. However, Australia welcomed Mr. Girard's departure, saying Paris would now get a clear, unambiguous message on Australia's opposition to French President Jacques Chirac's deci-. sion to resume nuclear testing at French Polynesia.

'An important effect of it will be that the message gets through at the very highest level to the French president that this is a decision ..., which is regarded with out-rage in Australia," said Acting Foreign Minister Gordon Bilney. Mr. Keating said Australia

was undeterred by Mr. Girard's recall.

"I'm concerned to see that the French understand the Australian protest, and they're starting to register that now, and the recall of the ambassador is recognition of that," he said.

Defence Minister Robert Ray, who confirmed on Tuesday that France's Dassault aviation had been excluded from bidding for the contract to buy 35-45 light jet fighters, on Wednesday called on state governments to look at boycotting French firms.

The real pressure now is on some of the state govern-

business with French companies," Mr. Ray told repor-. ters in Canberra.

The Australian State of Victoria on Wednesday said French companies were not welcome to hid for a slice of its electricity privatisation programme north up to £213 billion (\$89.6 billion).

But the han does not affect French government owned electricite De France (EDF), one of three hidders for the A21.2 billion (\$886 million) state-owned United Energy Distributor, a government spokesman told Reuters.

A spokesman for Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett said the move was in protest at French nuclear testing in the South Pacific.

"The premier made clear two weeks ago that the government would actively discourage other French companies from becoming involved in the electricity privatisation programme," the spokesman said.

Mr. Kennett has already told an unnamed French company which approached his government about bidding for a power company that it would not be welcome. he said.

French Australian chamber of commerce on Wednesday said it worried about a possible pullout of French investment.

"If it's applied across the board, they (French businesses) would have to come to the conclusion as to whether they wanted to stay in Australia or not," said a chamber director, Bob Som-

French companies are currently trying to secure contracts from state governments worth hundreds of millions of

Mr. Keating said nuclear testing had hurt French business and French standing in the region and "the French don't like it.

This sort of admonition is the price that France is going to have to pay," he said. In Bandar Seri Begawan, French and Australian ministers had a 45-minute meeting here late Wednesday to try to cool down the row but neither side budged on the fundamental issue of France's ments who are doing a lot of plans to conduct a series of nuclear weapons tests from September.

"How is France harming Australia in carrying out this limited series of tests so that it would justify the Australian government's agitation or its preaching," asked Michel Barnier, French minister-delegate for European affairs.

Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans said: What they have underestimated is that the end of the cold war created in people's minds a sense that the nuclear era was over. What this did was make people think about the threat all over

Mr. Barnier and Mr. Evans were in the Brunei capital for the annual ASEAN meetings with their main international

Mr. Evans had led opposinon to the French tests at the ASEAN meetings, causing the European Union (EU) delegation to disassociate itself from a communique on security issues which urged an immediate end to all nuclear weapons testing.

Earlier Wednesday, Mr. Evans told reporters that Australia had no plans to follow France's example and recall its ambassador from Paris. and he said Canberra wanted to "keep open lines of communication.

Mr. Barnier said his meeting with Mr. Evans was "cordial and very frank," using a term which usually indicates sharp differences of opinion. "We put everything on the table in a cordial and almost friendly fashion.'

Mr. Evans described the meeting as an "interesting" one and said: "We understand all the justifications, but when one acknowledges everything that can be said in favour of the decision, it is still a very bad decision."
Mr. Barnier said he told

Mr. Evans that there would undoubtedly be several diffi-cult months ahead for bilateral relations, but that "the future of our relations is much longer than that."

He quoted Mr. Evans as saying that environmental issues were not his chief concern about the planned resumption of nuclear testing.



settler resists Israeli police as they try to evacuate him from a West Bank hill, overlooking the Palestinian

the night before being evicted early Wednesday (AFP

King Fahd introduces major reshuffle

Fahd ousted his veteran oil and finance ministers Wednesday in Saudi Arabia's most significant leadership shakeup since he came to power in 1982.

Oil Minister Hisham Nazer will be replaced by the president and chief executive of the giant petroleum company Saudi Aramco, Ali Bin Ibrahim Al Nueimi, according to a royal decree. The finance and planning minister, Mohammad Abalkhail, also lost his job.

No reasons were given for the changes and there had been no public signs of policy disputes between the ousted ministers and the king. However, Saudi Arabia's

oil-based economy has encountered difficulties since the 1991 Gulf war, which has cost the kingdom tens of billions of dollars. Also, low oil prices in re-

cent years reduced revenues in a land that was flush with cash throughout the 1980s. The move came as part of a cabinet reshuffle that had

been widely expected, but its scope took observers by sur-A former commerce minister, Suleiman Bin Abdul Aziz

new minister for finance and national economy, while Abdul Wahab Bin Abdul Salam Al Attar was named minister of planning.

There was no immediate word on whether the two ousted ministers would receive new ministerial posts. roleum minister for almost nine years after Sheikh

Ahmed Zaki Yamani was fired. A confident, wellspoken technocrat, Mr. Nazar, 63, was named oil minister in 1986 following the dismissal of the charismanc Mr. Nazer graduated with

honours from the University California at Los Angeles in 1957, and obtained a masters degree from the same school a year later. He held a number of senior government posts, including the job of planning minister for 11 years, before he became oil minister at a time when oil prices were sagging.

The reshuffle came as scheduled two years after King Fahd gave the Saudis their first constitution in the socalled basic statutes of government. He also created the kingdom's royally appointed. 61-member Islamic-style consultative council, or Majlis Al

The main portfolios held by members of the Saudi royal family remained un-

Three brothers of King Fahd retained their posts: Crown Prince Abdullah as first deputy prime minister. Prince Sultan as second deputy prime minister and defence minister, Prince Nayef as interior minister — and Prince Saud Al Faisal, the king's nephew, as foreign minister. Prince Sultan is the world's longest serving minister.

Following is the list of the new cabinet:

Head of state and prime minister: King Fahd Ibn Abdulaziz (unchanged). Crown prince, first deputy prime minister and commander of the national guard:

Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdulaziz (unchanged). Second deputy prime minister and defence minister: Prince Sultan Ibn Abde-

laziz (unchanged).

-- Minister of public works and housing: Prince Mutaib Ibn Abdelaziz (unchanged). - Minister of interior: Prince Nayef Ibn Abdelaziz

(unchanged). - Minister of foreign affairs:

Prince Saud Al Faisal (unchanged).

— Minister of justice: Abdal-

lah Ibn Mohammad Ibn Ibrahim Al-Sheikh (new).

— Minister of higher education: Khaled Al Angari (un-

changed). Minister of Islamic affairs. Waqfs (religious property) and guidance: Abdallah 1bn

Abdel Mohsen Al Turki (unchanged). - Minister of finance and national economic: Suleiman ibn Abdelaziz Al Suleim (former commerce minister).

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- Minister of commerce: Ussama Ibn Jaafar Ibn Ibrahim Faqih (new).

— Minister of health: Ussama Ibn Abdel Majid Shabkashi (new).

Minister of agriculture and irrigation: Abdallah Ibn Abdelaziz Ibn Muamer

Al-Nouaimi (new).

- Minister of oil and mineral resources: Ali Ibn Ibrahim

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Christopher tries to ease ASEAN concerns with China pledge Mr. Qian the delerioration of

BANDAR SERI BEGAAN (AFP) — U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher tried to reassure Asian allies Wednesday that Washington wants to resolve its differences with China and maintain its position in the region.

Although we may have differences, neither the United States nor China can afford the luxury of walking away from our responsibility to manage them." Mr Christopher told a meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in

He was speaking after talks late Tuesday with his counterpart Qian Qichen in which the two sides took their first tentative steps towards patching up a rift over Taiwan and China's arrest of an American human rights activist.

to Sudan

KHARTOUM (AP) -

Epidemics of polio and

measles have returned to

Sudan following a decline in

U.N. and Western funding

for government vaccination

programmes, an official said Wednesday.

years we have cases of

measles and cases of polio

which appeared in Nyala (in

western Sudan) and then be-

KARACHI (AFP) — At least eight people, including four alleged terrorist leaders

and a policeman, were killed

Wednesday in this strife-torn

Pakistan port city, police

Four people killed in a

clash in Karachi's eastern

suburb of Malir, including

gang leader Farooq Dada,

were alleged terrorists, police

"For the first time in 10"

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Qian that the United States would stick to its "one-China policy" and would not maintain any official contacts with Beijing's rival government in Relations sunk to a low

after Washington approved a private visit to the United States by Taiwan's President Lee Teng-Hui, an act that Beijing believes violated three Sino-U.S. agreements. China said after the talks

that it welcomed Mr. Christopher's statements on Taiwan but that it believes U.S. deeds were more important than their words. Beijing has been demanding a clearcut ban on visits by Lee.

Washington has been angered by the detention of Harry Hu, a human rights activist arrested in China in June but Beijing has refused Mr. Christopher told Mr. release him saying legal proc-Polio, measles return

gan to spread in most of the other states," said Hashim

Ali Al Zaeen, the Vaccina-

tion Director at Sudan's

Mr. Al Zaeen said boht diseases had become

epidemics, the Sudanese dai-

ly newspaper, Al Sudan Al Hadith, reported Wednes-

day. At least 252 children are

suffering from polio, he said.

Karachi

more than 100 attacks in

The others killed were

Officials said police and

Javed Michael, Mohammad

Hanif and Ghaffar Madda.

paramilitary Rangers had

been deployed as tension

flared in Baldia Town, where

Witnesses said groups of

armed men exchanged fire

Dada lived.

Dada, allegedly a member of the Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM), is wanted for dead.

Karachi, police said.

Health Ministry.

edures must take their

The rows have worried some Asian countries who have relied on the relanonship between China and the United States as an anchor for peace in the re-

The U.S.-China relationship is fundamental," an ASEAN diplomat said before the Qian-Christopher talks. "The current situation is much worse than we antici-

Even though most of the ASEAN countries have hosted "vacation diplomacy" visits by Mr. Lee. diplomats said they have been dismayed by the U.S. decision to allow Taiwan's president to visit his old university because of the strains it has produced. A U.S. official said that

CAIRO (AFP) — The Mus-

lim Brotherhood warned on

Wednesday of a blacklash of

violence if Egyptian police

continue a crackdown on the

fundamentalist group after

180 of its members were

arrested in raids last week.

could make the young people (Brotherhood activists) devi-

ate from the good path and

lead them to commit acts of violence," Maamun Al Hodeibi, the Brotherhood's

"f cannot guarantee what will happen." he added, although he also stressed that

the group was "careful to avoid any deviation into vio-

lence and is determined to

continue its non-violent poli-

Police arrested 180 Muslim

Brothers on Friday in the

biggest sweep against the

group since President Hosni

Mubarak came to power in

The arrests came amid a

growing crackdown which be-

spokesman, told AFP.

"The police campaigns

warns against crackdown

relations "has now bottomed out" and that Washington was confident it could be put on track again. "The United States coin-

tinues to believe that a strong, stable open and prosperouss China can be a strong partner and a responsible leader of the international community." Mr. Christopher said in his speech. But in an apparent caution.

he added that "China's economic development and military posture will inevitably have a major impact on the perceptions and actions of other nations."

China reassured many of its neighbours here by promising to resolve territorial disputes in the Spratlys on the basis of international law and following the meeting with Egypt's Brotherhood

gan in January against the

group, which the government has accused of backing Mus-

lim militants and plotting the

violent overthrow of the

Brotherhood, has been toler-

ated in its activities since the

1970s when it claimed to have renounced violence in its

efforts to establish an Islamic

In an interview published

in the government weekly AI

Musawar on Wednesday, the

Brotherhood's leader,

Mohammad Hamed Abu Al

Nasr, admitted for the first

time that his group had an

Mr. Abu Al Nasr denied

that the group was trying to

overthrow the government but admitted the existence of

an international organisation

which the Brotherhood has

until now persistently denied.

in Germany, London and

Europe," Mr. Abu Al Nasr

We have branches abroad

international organisation.

state in Egypt.

Banned in 1954, the

attacks **PFLP-GC** base in Lebanon

SULTAN YACOUB, Lebanon (AFP) — Israeli jets launched a rocket attack Wednesday on a base of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) in eastern Lehanon, wounding five guerrillas.

Two fighter planes blasted a network of caves which serve as the group's hase at Sultan Yacoub, three kilometres from the border with Syria, Lehanon police

Six rockets were fired, hitting the caves directly and injuring five guerrillas, hospital workers said. Another 10 were trapped in one of the caves by rockfall caused by the blasts.

In around Jerusalem an Israeli army spokesman confirmed the raid and said pilots carried out a pinpoint raid before returning safely to their base.

Police said six more planes provided cover for the raid in a sector where the Syrian army has many troops and anti-aircraft guns. Black plumes of smoke

rose from the labyrinth of caves at the foot of the hilltop village of Sultan Yacoub. causing panic among the 6,000 inhabitants. The wounded Palestioian

fighters were taken by ambulance to hospital at Jib Janin. south of Sultan Yacoub, while members of the radical group prevented journalists from entering the caves. "It's dangerous to go in

lhere, there are time-bombs which are in danger of going off at any moment," said Ahmad, a guard brandishing a kalashnikov.

However, a burned-out eep was visible from outside the base. Fires started by the rocket explosions were quickly brought under control by the group.

Badawi accuses government agents of beating him

CAIRO (AP) — Ten assailants dragged a promiment Egyptian opposition journalist from his car and beat and kicked him. The journalist blamed government agents Wednesday for the attack.

Gamal Badawi, editor-in-chief of Al Wafd newspaper, said he was followed by two cars after a meeting of the journalists' syndicate Tuesday night and then forced to pull over in a Cairo suburb. Ten men got out of the cars, dragged him and his

driver into the street and beat and kicked them for about five minutes, Mr. Badawi told the Associoted Press. Both were bruised but not hospitalised.
"The finger is pointed at

the government because of the position both the newspaper and I took on the new press law," he said. "This is revenge and a message to all journalists that this is what they will face when they criticise the government.' There was no immediate

comment from government officials.

Last month, journalists protested a new law that allowed the detention of journalists without charge and raised sentences for publishing false information or inflammatory criticism of state institutions to five years and a \$6,000 fine.

After public outrage, the government backed off and promised to craft a press law within three months - to to written in consultation with

Mr. Badawi was one of the strongest critics of the new law, and his front-page column repeatedly atacked the

Iranian opposition slams polls restrictions in Iran

TEHRAN (Agencies) — An opposition group protested Wednesday over growing restrictions in running for parliament and the state's "interference" in next year's

The Liberation Movement of Iran (LM1), one of only a few opposition groups to be tolerated in the Islamic republic, criticised in a letter faxed to AFP the "rising and illegal interference" of a supervisory council.

Parliament last month granted extra powers to the Council of Guardians, a legislative body dominated by religious conservatives, to oversee the election process for the March 8 polls.

The council can now screen candidates more thorologhly and control the polling proccss. which previously was supervised solely by the interior ministry.

The new powers granted to the council could risk alienaling a wide spectrum of voters, especially supporters of the liberals and radical Islamic groups.
"No institution has the

right to intervene in the elec-tion process and no one can prevent people from voting for their preferred candi-dates," said the letter signed hy 122 political figures. The group urged the coun-

The LM1, headed by former foreign minister lbrahim Yazdi, is not allowed to play formal role in Iran's political life and is harred from running candidates in elec-

Islamic radicals, sidelined by conservatives in the last parliamentary elections in 1992, have also charged the new regulations were unfair.

The powerful Islamic Clerical Council that reviews laws passed by Iran's parliament also rejected the new election law requiring parliamentary candidates to have a university degree, the Iranian News igency IRNA said.

It said the Guardian Council ruled that the law, requiring candidates to be university or Islamic theology school graduates, to be against the Iranian constitution.

Argentina agog over UFO

SAN CARLOS DE BARI-

LOCHE (AFP) - Argentina

was nervously watching the

skies Tuesday a day after an airliner narrowly missed hitting a UFO which darted in its path. Jorge Polanco was piloting an Aerolinas Argentinas jet headed for this southwest winter resort town at around midnight Monday when be was forced to pull the plane up short to avoid what witnesses described as a "spaceship." "As I was making the final approach, I suddenly saw in front of the plane a white light which was bearing right down on us really fast before it halted about 100 metres away," he said. He said that as he frantically manoeuvred his plane, which was carrying 103 pas-sengers, the UFO took a bizarre turn so that it could follow the airliner and flew in tandem with it for about 100 metres. Air Force Major Jorge Oviedo said he and several others also witnessed the UFO and that there was a simultaneous power ontage throughout the entire city. The pilot said he was forced to pull up when the runway lights went out and that the flying object about the size of a jetliner with two green lights and a flashing orange light, "changed colours," fol-lowed him for a little while longer and then took off at

Astronomers track comet

"an unnatural speed." Offi-

cials were investigating the

CAPE TOWN (R) - South African astronomers are tracking a newly-discovered comet that could become the brightest object in the night sky. The comet, discovered last week by two American astronomers, it still low on the horizon in the northern hemisphere, but passes directly over South Africa, giving scientists scanning southern skies a better view. We took the first picture from South Africa last night, it was really quite bright, brighter than you would expect at that distance," Patricia Whitelock of the South African Astronomical Observatory said Wednesday. Ms. Whitelock dismissed as speculation reports that the comet might come close to Earth, or even threaten the planet. "It's a bit soon to predict, we will have a better idea in a week. Com ets are unpredictable, that's what makes them so much . fun," she said. She said the Hale-Bopp comet, named after American amateur astronomers Alan Hale and Thomas Bopp who detected it on July 23, was about 1,000 million kilometres from Earth.

Michelangelo's David ruled

not obscene HONG KONG (R) - A Hong judge ruled Tuesday that Michelangelo's David is not obscene. The High Court decision resulted for decision resulted from a case brought by an English-language newspaper, the Eastern Express, which sought to quash a ruling by the colony's Obscene Articles Tribunal that a picture it pob-lished of the sculpture was lished of the sculpture was obscene. The paper's editor, Michael Chugani, said the judge declared no jurist would find the statue of a nude David indecent and referred the case to the tribunal for a reruling.

Jaiibirds raise a stink at **Loos Prison**

LOOS-LES-LILLE, France (AFP) — Suffering the twin effects of prison overcrowding and a recent heal-wave, 100 prisoners at Loos in northern France late Tuesday refused to return to their cells unless they were allowed more frequent showers. With temperatures well over 30k (90s Farenheit) for several weeks, the smell inside the prison has started to become overwhelming, the prisoners complained. Returning from their evening meal, 100 of the 1,100 inmates at the lock-up said enough was enough and staged, a two-hour sit-down protest before being forced into the cells by a squad of some 40 police, officials said. The facility was built for 500 inmates but now houses over double that number. However, while the protest might have brought some temporary relief, hard-nosed prison officials insisted they could do nothing on the main com-

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